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BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: SEPT. 2003

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	40	344
Tons of Trash	221.44	2,310.38
Street Opening Permits	4	16
Street Opening Fees Collected	$400	$1,697.89
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	9	55
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$400	$2,790
Large Article Pick-up Stops	39	468
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	78	947
Newspaper Tonnage	22.42	214.96
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	52.68	328.45
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	12.89	118.33
Tires Recycled and Cost		$475.50
Recycles- Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks:

DIESEL

3-Sep

9-21-D	5	17	16.1	27	13.2	18.1	20.5	11.7	12.8	16.5	16.5	5.8	13.2	11.5	
11-1-D	24.9	11.5	23	18.7											
17-8-D	32.3														
18-9-D	20.5	49.9	39.9	26.4	33.3	36.6									
20-12-D															
21-13-D	29.2	27.7	29.3												
26-14-D	14.7	22													
23-15-D	23.5	42.1	33.2												
24-16-D	22.4	18.9	18.9	27.3	11.2	22.3	18.6	16.7	22.7	30.6	31.1				
25-17-D	3.2	2.1	5.5	2.9											
30-M-D															
43-2-D															
44-D	16.3														
TOTALS	192	191.2	165.9	102.3	57.7	77	39.1	28.4	35.5	47.1	47.6	5.8	13.2	11.5	1014.3

GASOLINE

13-3-G	30.6	0.8	31.2	1.9	15	30	13.1								
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	15.8	26.6	5.6	39.3	14										
16-7-G	20.5	20													
19-11-G															
27-20-G	13.9	9.4	12.8	14.3											
28-59-G	16.3	25.7													
29-M-G	6.2	3.5	4.7	14.2	10.2	28.7	19.8	21							
42-24-G	21.3														
47-G	37.5														
48-G	25.4	3													
49-G															
50-G															
TOTALS	187.5	89	54.3	69.7	39.2	58.7	32.9	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	552.3

GASOLINE	552.3
$1.05 A GALLON	579.92

DIESEL	1014.3
$.91 A GALLON	923.01

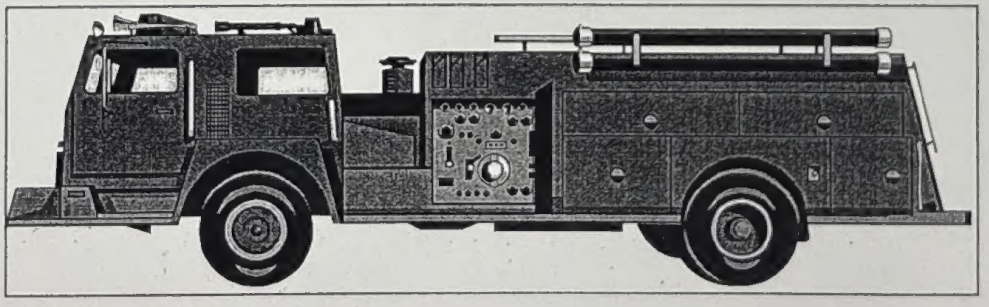
3-Sep

35-D	23.8	10.4													34.2
36-D	18.9														
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	42.7	10.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53.1

TOTAL DIESEL	53.1
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	48.32

34-G	22	25.7													
38-G	30.1	2.1													
39-G	19	17.2													
40-G	14.2														
46-G															
TOTAL	85.3	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130.30

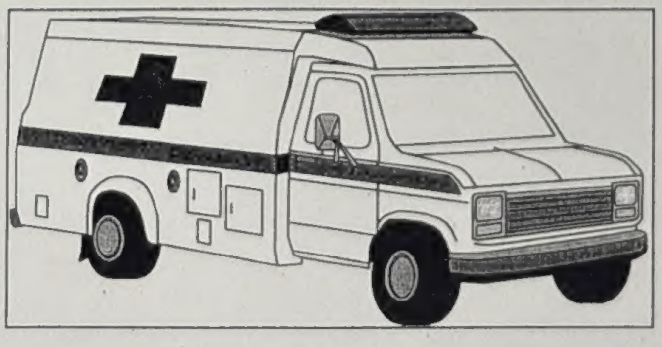
TOTAL GAS	130.30
GAS @ $1.05 A GALLON	136.82



																3-Sep
32-G															0	
33-G															0	0
31D	7.4														7.4	
30-D	17	9	4.3	16.8	21	16.7	16.4								101	108.6

TOTAL DIESEL	108.6
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	$98.83

TOTAL GASOLINE	0
GASOLINE @ $1.05 A GALLON	$0.00



BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

3-Sep

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0	6.6		10.5	3.9	18.5	7.6		
	3.7		6.8	12.7	17.9	8.9		
	6.4		7.4		6.6	3.2		
	8.1		9.2		16.5	3.6		
	5.3		8.7		8.4	7.6		
	8.6		12.8		6.3	8.9		
	5.8		11.3		5.7	4		
	7.5		6.9		13.2	12.2		
	2.2		15.1		9.3	8.9		
	9		9.1		4.6	4.3		
	1.8		12.4		5.1	6.8		
	8.6		6.1		5	6.6		
	6.6		6.2		3.7	6.6		
	5.1		7.3		6.2	4.7		
	7.1		7.1		12.4	7.8		
	6.7		9.9		3.7	7		
	11.4		3.8		8.9	6.1		
	3.1		8.6		7	4.7		
	8.7		5.1		4.4	11.2		
	9		13.5		3.3	9		
	5.5		4.3		8.2	9.4		
	16.8		16.7		10.4	5		
	8.7		12.5		7.8	7.6		
	8.1		5.2		8.8	5.6		
	6.5		9.9		4.9	10.9		
	4		6			11.9		
			8.6			5.3		
			15.2			6.4		
						7.1		
						4.5		
0	180.9	0	256.2	16.6	206.8	213.4	0	873.9

Total Gasoline 873.9

at 1.05 gal = $917.60

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

NORTH BOROUGH PARKING LOT MONTH & YEAR 3-Sep
PARKING VIOLATION

DATE	TIME	TICKET NUMBER	LICENCE NUMBER	MAKE & COLOR	WIN	LOST	METER
9/6/2003	13.11		MSFITS	CHVE			6
9/6/2003	13.11		DJG-9549	MERCURY			60
9/12/2003	13.01		DCA-9925	PLYMOUTH			6
9/12/2003	13.01		EWH-5018	NISSAN			31
9/12/2003	13.01		FDA-2935	PONTIAC			16
9/12/2003	13.01		EJW-7409	JAGUAR			17
9/17/2003	13.21		EJS-6873	HONDA			NOSPACE
9/23/2003	13		DZD-2753	HYUNDAI			7
9/23/2003	13		ENA-3259	SUBARU			17
9/24/2003	13.18		65252	VOLVO			42
9/25/2003	13.1		FJA-0110	SATURN			12
9/26/2003	13.14		DMS-9900	HONDA			26
9/26/2003	13.14		YJZ-8439	FORD			45
9/29/2003	13.05		EXK-0720	ACURA			35
9/29/2003	13.05		ECK-7435	JEEP			68
9/30/2003	13.38		FHX-6943	MADZA			58

YEAR	$375.00
MONTH	$80.00
YEAR	$455.00

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : September 2003

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	6	194
Re-inspections	1	17
Fire Investigations	5	46
Special Service	5	35
Fire Reports Issued	1	6
Permits Issued	1	18
Permit Fees Collected	$25	$700
Fire Report Fees Collected	$25	$150
Inspection Fees Collected	$480	$7,253
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	0	$574.25
Total Fees Collected	$530	$8,677.25

Remarks:

U & O Inspections 1 for 40 Fees $300 for $13,270 Reinspect 0 for 4

	Invest.	Inspt.	S. S.	Total
Stauch	4.45	0.55	13.0	18.40
Thomas	0.00	0.00	17.00	17.00
Reading	0.00	2.15	2.00	4.15
TOTALS	4.45	3.10	32.00	39.55

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 27, 2003

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Polaneczky, Taggart, and Younglove, Mayor Celano (arrived at 7:53 p.m.), Treasurer McKean, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, Borough Manager Pantano, and Superintendent Stauch.

ABSENT
Councilperson Ehrsam.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **September minutes**. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he had a few items on his report. The first is an update on the grants we have been working on. He added that the three grants (the **Pool Renovation Grant**, the **Peer-to-Peer Study**, and the **Open Space/Parks and Recreation update**) that were approved at the last Council meeting have been completed and submitted on time. Borough Manager Pantano stated that there are copies of the grants available if anyone is interested in looking at them.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the next item is regarding the **Transportation Enhancement Grant**, the **T-21 Project**. Borough Manager Pantano explained that we had applied for this grant last year and we were turned down. He would like to reapply for it this year with some additional modifications. On the grant application this year, he would like to include the **textured crosswalks** shown on the Revitalization Plan. He would only include them in the areas where there are existing crosswalks now. The textured crosswalks have a textured look to them as you are crossing the street. The other change is that they tried adding the parking lot behind the police station, where they discussed raising the rates at the last Council meeting. Other than the inclusion of those two items, the grant application is the same as it was last year. There is a match requirement, however, the construction activity is additional sidewalk work downtown, all of the curbing, street trees, and park benches along York Road. Borough Manager Pantano said his goal if we got this grant would be to apply for county money through the Revitalization Program and that would provide the match required for the State, which would then in turn not be any expense to the Borough. Again this is a grant application that does not have to be accepted if it is awarded and we don't get the money from the County or something like that. He would like to put the application in, if Council is agreeable. It has to be in by the end of this month. There is no authorization and no resolution required. He repeated that if Council has no objections then he would like to submit the grant by the end of the month. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if they gave a reason for why we were turned down. Borough Manager Pantano said no, they usually just say there are a certain amount of applications and they can only fund so many therefore you were not chosen this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th at 9:00 with the County Revitalization Board. We will be presenting the Borough's **Revitalization Plan** to that Board in Ambler. The next step, after the presentation to the Revitalization Board, would be back to Borough Council after it receives the comments and suggestions from our own Planning Commission. Then Council can take up the consideration of the Revitalization Plan. The presentation tomorrow morning is a required step in the process we are following in this program. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that we received a letter from them with suggestions. Borough Manager Pantano explained that he doesn't believe that there were any significant changes made. There were, however, suggestions made by the County Planning Commission, not from the Revitalization Board. He added that they are two different entities. He reiterated that there were not any major changes to the plan.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned that **Montgomery County** has been working on their **draft Vision Plan** for the past two years. They had indicated that the draft plan that had be sent to all of the elected officials and they have been requesting comments from the Borough as well as the possibility of passing a Draft Plan Resolution supporting the program. If Council has not received copies of that then they can let Borough Manager Pantano know and he will request more copies from the County. He will also forward any comments or suggestions to the County Planning Commission.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO pointed out that **Warminster Township** has also prepared their **draft Comprehensive Plan**. The Borough received a copy of the plan and it is currently on file in the office. If Council would like to receive copies of it then they should notify Borough Manager Pantano about their request and he will get the copies for them. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE asked if the plan has been provided to the Revitalization Task Force. Borough Manager Pantano said no because he just received it a few days ago. Councilperson Younglove suggested that the plan be made available in case the task force has any questions. He added that he will talk with Paul Driscoll in the morning.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO updated everyone on the **Sprint Cell Tower**. He met with the new representative from Sprint and it actually went well. He thinks this guy seems very aggressive and wants to get this project done. They went over the two draft agreements and he provided Solicitor Meyer with the actual Agreement for Sprint. He received a new Site Access Agreement, which he will forward to Solicitor Meyer. There were some slight changes from the last Site Agreement that we signed so he would be more comfortable if Solicitor Meyer looked at it before we signed it. Borough Manager Pantano explained that there were some strange provisions in there that he was not familiar with. They are moving along and the site they are concentrating on right now is the area behind the police station as was discussed previously.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that there was a **Worker's Compensation Audit** for the final 2002 payroll and we are getting about $9,000 back.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received a call and then a written request from **PennDot** concerning an individual that was killed along York Road. He is not sure when it was but believes that it was before his term of being manager because he doesn't recall the incident. The relatives of that individual have been trying to get PennDot to put some type of memorial up. They do not put up memorials or do things along their right-of-ways anymore as they are trying to totally do away with that process. PennDot contacted us to see if we would be willing to let them plant a Kousa Dogwood tree in front of Borough Hall, wherever we would allow them to do it. It would be no cost to the Borough. They would have a professional landscaper come in to prepare the ground and plant it. No type of memorial or sign would be placed – just the tree itself. This will be placed on the committee meeting agenda for the November meeting for discussion.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO wanted to let Council know that there are a number of **Land Development projects** that are presently ongoing in the Borough. There are a number of potential

ones coming up. Borough Engineer Solarz, Solicitor Meyer, and Borough Manager Pantano have been meeting for the last few months now to try to keep things coordinated in these projects and to have a regular standard procedure that they can go through so they are all on the same page with things. They have been providing notes of the meetings and he thought it would be real good to let Council know about this. He will keep Council copied on the notes from the meetings. Borough Manager Pantano pointed out that it's more of an informative thing but if Council has any questions then they should let him know.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council is aware of the meeting about the **Public Works negotiations**. He thinks that it went pretty well and he has been in contact with the Borough's labor attorney to set up the meeting to review things. Then they will set up a meeting with the Public Works Association. As soon as that it set up, Borough Manager Pantano will advise Council of the progress. In the meantime, the Public Works Association was provided with all of the information that they had requested in their last correspondence as best as they could. He hopes that that will be sufficient for them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 09/30/03 the balances invested in the Commerce Bank totaled $2,788,158.40. Interest credited for the month was $3,228.97. Average yield for September was 1.33%. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY noted that it went up 60 basis points.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the **bills** and **manual check list**. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the **Gilmore DCNR grant** was for one grant or two grants. She added that it was for $1,379. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it was probably one grant for that amount. There were two going on but the Peer-to-Peer was minor so it might have been included in it. Borough Manager Pantano said he would pull the bills out and look. He stated that he did not do the DCNR grant. He did the LUTAP grant and the Peer-to-Peer study. Vice President Zygmont asked if next time Council could have the warrant list before the meeting so they don't have to sit there and figure out what they will be approving. She added that they all had a copy of the warrant list and then when they got to their seats there was a revised list. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he received the revised copy at the end of the day today. Vice President Zygmont stated that on the copy they got there were no **PECO** bills. She also asked why we are paying the August PECO bills in October. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they have gone through this a number of times and every time he checks into the PECO bills that are not paid on time it's because there were mistakes in them. When there are mistakes then Bookkeeper Cannon has to go back and get them to revise the bills. Vice President Zygmont asked if there are late charges for this. Borough Manager Pantano said no because we put them on notice that there is a problem with the bill. Borough Manager Pantano additionally stated that Bookkeeper Cannon will not pay the estimates. She will wait until they come out and read the meter. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY requested that if Bookkeeper Cannon is going to give Council revised copies then he would like the revisions highlighted so it's easier to find the revisions. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and was APPROVED by Council unanimously. Councilperson Polaneczky apologized for not noticing it before the motion was approved but asked about the money for the **Volunteer Fire Relief Association**. He stated that it said $48,000 and asked if that's what we received from the State this year. Borough Manager Pantano stated that whatever we got from the State was sent out as it was exactly the same amount. Councilperson Polaneczky apologized because he thought it was $38,000.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Mayor Celano had nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER worked with counsel in preparation of Access and Indemnity Agreement to permit **Exxon Mobil Gas Station** to install additional groundwater monitoring wells relating to their ongoing environmental remediation at York and County Line Roads. They will need to access some of the Borough's properties so we are trying to reach an agreement to cover financial penalties.

SOLICITOR MEYER announced that the Escrow and Developers Agreements have been signed by the Borough and the Developer for the **Belfus property**.

SOLICITOR MEYER mentioned that they have run into a little problem with the **Moreland Crossing Townhomes**. He amended the Escrow and Developers Agreement with correct exhibits agreed to by the Developer. Mr. Braccia is in Italy for three weeks, therefore his attorney has agreed to provide the corrected Deed of Easement after recordation.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared a draft **"No Parking" ordinance** regarding a portion of **South New Street**.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GARDNER reminded everyone that Friday is **Halloween**. With that, on Friday evening the traffic will be heavier so they ask everyone to drive with caution. In addition, they ask the children to use the sidewalks. Chief Gardner announced that on channel 22 there is a whole list of recommendations for safety. The police department has a number for anyone who has a question regarding candy that they receive. Chief Gardner asked everyone to please be careful and mentioned that the bike patrol will be out on Halloween night as well.

CHIEF GARDNER updated Council on the **body armor grant**, which he spoke briefly about at the committee meeting. He reminded everyone that it was below $10,000 so he did not need to put it out for bid but he obtained three estimates. The lowest came in from a Hatboro business. A gentleman was in tonight to start fitting the officers as a part of the sizing process. They will move forward with the acquisition, which will be well under the grant amount of $12,000.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He added that there was an **emergency management drill** last week. He stated that President Clark and Councilman Taggart were there. Everything went pretty well and they will get credits from the County and the State for doing the drill. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that it was very impressive and it seemed like the real thing.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. He reminded everyone that the **leaves** are beginning to fall and there is no open burning of leaves. Reminders were sent out to people who habitually rake their leaves out into the street. Notices were sent out to certain areas that rake their leaves to the street. If they are caught doing it, and the Borough can prove it, then they will be cited.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the submitted **Borough Authority bills**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that the **December Council meeting** is scheduled for December 22nd and she wondered if there was any possibility to have the meeting rescheduled for December 29th. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY said no. Vice President Zygmont asked if it could be moved ahead a week. PRESIDENT CLARK said it would be no problem to reschedule the December meeting to December 15th.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the **financial statements** were supposed to be in Council's packets even though they are not on the agenda. He stated that he knows that the auditors have the note from Borough Manager Pantano and they had talked about listing the capital items that the Authority approved. Upon discussing it with John Zygmont, Treasurer for the Authority, and the two auditors, they decided to amend the opening balances to reflect the amounts payable since we are only having single year financial statements. He stated that they feel that this was the best way in accordance with GAAP, and solves all of the problems. Now the Authority can have their prior year financial statements and we should have ours within the week. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she did not receive a copy of this. Councilperson Polaneczky apologized and stated that he may have been the only one to receive it.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that they had their **budget** meeting. Subsequently, Borough Manager Pantano put together something that Councilperson Polaneczky announced at the last committee meeting and after that Council sat together and went through on an item-by-item basis. They are coming up with a budget shortfall at this point, without looking at any further revenue ideas or expense cuts, of $217,000. That budget is available for the public as of tomorrow morning. Councilperson Polaneczky announced that the public could bring in a brand new disk and they will put the budget on the disk for $1.00. Otherwise, copies of the 52 pages at $0.25 per page would be available. Some of the ideas include increasing trash removal fees that are lower than surrounding municipalities. We have employees that are out on disability and may not return or have left so we are looking at a little attrition. Councilperson Polaneczky pointed out that there still is a little bit of a shortfall but Council will continue to look for ways to resolve this. The last chance to rectify this is probably the committee meeting in November. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that any suggestions could be forwarded to Council via e-mail. Councilperson Polaneczky added that any suggestions from the public could be forwarded because they will obviously not approve the budget at the committee meeting, rather it will be the final discussion of it. Hopefully it will be approved at the November or December 15th meeting. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it was a marathon six-hour budget session and they are doing whatever they can to chop it down. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that there are still a few things that they are waiting to see and hopefully we can pare it down. Councilperson Polaneczky agreed with Councilperson Acker that it could go up or down and a $20 increase in trash would make it $200 which is still less than most people with Borough trash collection or regular trash collection from an outside source. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he has a whole list of the trash fees for the surrounding area. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we are right in line with the trash fees – we are not high and we are not low. If everything stands where it is it could possible be a $37 tax increase but we are still waiting for Blue Cross Blue Shield. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that we will hear from them in November. Merrie Seraika (Keller), 100 West Monument Avenue, stated that the recent newspapers have been a little confusing. At one point there was an overabundance of funds by $144,000 from some contribution of earned income tax from some group on Warminster Road. She asked why if they knew that it would be a one-year time period and $144,000 would be an overabundance, why would it be put in the budget last year. She also asked if the $217,000 as a shortfall now includes the $144,000. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the way the budgeting process worked at that point was we asked Berkheimer to provide to us figures that they project we will collect for the earned income tax. It is normally based upon the prior year. They look at what happened in the prior year and then tell us what they expect to collect. Coupled with the other factors out there such as neighboring municipalities who enact their own tax that we have to forward their citizen's withholding. We were not aware that Conti Mortgage was occupied by Fleet, all we knew was how much Berkheimer expected to collect. When we asked for this year's estimate they went back and looked at everything they had collected. They pointed out that certain employers had moved out and their employees from their quarterly filings from last year provided $144,000. Councilperson Polaneczky noted that he does not even know how that is calculated. As a Council, they have gone back and forth with auditing them therefore we are at their mercy. Merrie Seraika stated that Berkheimer has had numerous mistakes with other Boroughs and other businesses. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that that is

something that they have talked about which is separate from the budget process. They talked about banding together with other municipalities to audit as a group that use Berkheimer. For us to audit Berkheimer by ourselves would cost in the neighborhood of $25,000. The cost benefit would not be there for us to do it independently but if we were to band together with some of the neighboring municipalities, such as Warminster and Horsham, then we could see how they are calculating their numbers. At this point we just have to include what they project they will be able to provide to us with their collections. Councilperson Polaneczky recalls Councilperson Younglove making this suggestion last year. We can put down what they say they are going to collect and then push Berkheimer to justify collections to us and pursue the collections aggressively. Merrie Seraika said they should at least qualify them. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Borough Manager Pantano if we still just receive the check or if we receive the calculations and back up documents. Borough Manager Pantano said we receive sketchy numbers and information. Vice President Zygmont stated that we have to forward any renter information we have. Borough Manager Pantano said yes. Merrie Seraika asked what renter information they were talking about. Vice President Zygmont stated that some people that rent in the Borough and if we supply names and addresses then Berkheimer is able to send them forms for their earned income tax. Merrie Seraika asked who paid the property taxes on a rental property. Vice President Zygmont said it is the owner. Merrie Seraika said it seems that we are getting hit from all ends including the State, the school, and now 12% to the Borough and it hurts. President Clark stated that as Councilperson Acker mentioned, the 12% would be the worst-case scenario and Council is still looking at ways of paring down that number. Merrie Seraika said 8% hurts. President Clark said any percentage hurts – even 1%. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is personally committed to trying to get it as low as they possibly can. He has done that in the past and will do it again. In light of the State tax increase and what we are probably looking at for the school tax increase with the increased pension because of the State votes and the teacher's contract, we will be lowest but we will try to get it as low as we possibly can. Merrie Seraika said that spending has to be cut all the way around for everyone. Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, asked why the consideration of the trash fee increase rather than a tax increase and what is the benefit or the disadvantage to doing one or the other. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there is no difference. The trash fee increase is a tax increase. They are the same thing. He added that the trash fees that were calculated for the cost to provide the trash service is less per household than we are taking in. Commercial may not be but residential is. Therefore what we will say is that we will have a trash fee increase so we will supplement less out of the general budget towards the trash. He added that as a CPA he would prefer it all called real estate taxes because then you could deduct it all. Councilperson Polaneczky directed anyone with questions to contact Borough Manager Pantano and reemphasized that it would need to be a brand new disk if you would like the budget spreadsheet copied to a floppy disk.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she thought the approval for the **Little League** request to install a **storage shed** was talked about so they didn't have to vote on it. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it was talked about at the committee meeting, however, they could not vote on it there. Vice President Zygmont made a MOTION to approve the Little League request to install a storage shed at the Little League field complex. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she discussed the **swim team membership** being added to the pool's fee schedule. She explained that this would be an individual fee of $45, which is $5 cheaper than the single membership. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if that was something that could be done at the same time the budget is approved because we may end up looking into the fee schedule. Vice President Zygmont stated that she has to start working on the pool flyer that usually goes out with the tax bills and the fees have to be included. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked what was increased. Vice President Zygmont stated that she only wants to add a new membership for a child's swim team membership. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it has to be done by resolution so if it is approved tonight then

they would have to advertise. Vice President Zygmont made a MOTION to add the child's swim team membership for $45. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she mentioned the pool season dates at the committee meeting. She thought about it and realized that the school calendar is going to change. Vice President Zygmont made a MOTION to open the pool May 29th for weekends, June 19th daily, and close August 29th. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he knows that last year was the first year that we tried opening earlier but was wondering if we had a feel on how much it was costing to run the pumps and add the chlorine during the period when we are only open on weekends. Vice President Zygmont stated that it didn't effect the cost. Councilperson Acker stated that he thought it would have had to have effected the cost because if it wasn't opening until a few weeks later then we would not be running the pumps or chlorinating the pool. He mentioned that he is asking because he doesn't know since he is not up there putting the chlorine in and working the pumps. Vice President Zygmont stated that the actual for chemicals for 2002 was $5,424. At the end of September this year we actually spent $4,394. For electricity, the actual for 2002 was $4,895. At the end of September this year it was $3,784. She added that she doesn't think there was much change. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART asked Superintendent Stauch if it is problem getting the pool opened earlier. Vice President Zygmont advised that Memorial Day weekend is later this year. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH said it depends upon the weather. It all has to do with the weather. Vice President Zygmont said last year it was raining and the year before that it was hot. Councilperson Taggart asked if the water would even be warm enough on Memorial Day. Vice President Zygmont said it depends on the weather. Councilperson Taggart questioned if people would actually use it on Memorial Day and he noted that attendance is down even on Labor Day weekend. Vice President Zygmont said people are getting ready for school during Labor Day weekend. She added that it worked out much better opening on Memorial Day. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that most community pools are open during the Memorial Day weekend. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Polaneczky and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the **Annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade** on November 23, 2003. They will use Borough personnel and facilities as set forth in the event request form dated October 14, 2003. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if we had the event request form. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said it was attached to the agenda. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART wanted to thank **Penn Independent** for the use of their building for the **Emergency Management Drill**. He also thanked Fire Marshal Stauch, Hatboro Police Department, Moreland Area SWAT team, Enterprise Fire Company, Diane Valesky, and Second Alarmers. He said the drill was very interesting. A lot of people gave up their Saturday morning to come out and train and it went well. Councilperson Taggart stated that he has pictures if anyone would like an idea of what goes on at the drill. They had a scenario with a disgruntled employee and a hostage situation where they set a portion of the building on fire. He added that all of the departments involved practiced working together and everything went well. The drill ran from about 8:00 a.m. until about noon.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if we were going to send letters to residents on **New Street** and East Moreland Avenue advising them about the new ordinance about **restricting parking** on New Street. She stated that she has already received complaints. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that East Moreland is already restricted. CHIEF GARDNER stated that East Moreland, between New Street and Montgomery Avenue, already has parking restrictions on one side of the street. From Jacksonville Road to New Street is a two-hour zone and there are some issues there with cars parking too close to that stop sign between Moreland and Jacksonville. He added that

you are allowed to park on the south side there. Vice President Zygmont asked if we were sending letters to the residents in that area. Councilperson Taggart asked if that was normal procedure since we would be advertising the ordinance. He added that sending letters to residents was not a part of the plan since the ordinance would be advertised and residents are more than welcome to attend public meetings for discussion of this.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked how we were doing on **parking enforcement**. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART said they are doing very well. CHIEF GARDNER stated that he has been out there personally. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked when they are going to vote on raising the **parking fee** to $1.00. Councilperson Taggart explained that we have to have the ordinance first. SOLICITOR MEYER explained that Chapter 15 needs a lot of work. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we were going to try to incorporate the parking fee and also the parking fine. Solicitor Meyer agreed and stated that it is all a park of Chapter 15. Councilperson Polaneczky asked for an approximate time frame. Solicitor Meyer stated that they wanted it before the budget so he hoped it would be done by December. He was advised by Chief Gardner that former Councilman Zollers started work on Chapter 15 before he left so they will work off of that. Solicitor Meyer explained that Chief Gardner will review it from the police perspective. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he knows that it is short notice but they have their next meeting in two weeks and he wondered if a draft could be put together before that meeting. Solicitor Meyer said he would do his best.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Councilperson Ehrsam did not leave anything to report on for his agenda.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he had nothing to report on his agenda.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION
President Clark then adjourned the October Council meeting at 8:37 p.m. He stated that there is no executive session this evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: October 2003

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	36	380
Tons of Trash	280.44	2,590.82
Street Opening Permits	3	19
Street Opening Fees Collected	$190	$1,887.89
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	18	73
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$280	$3,070
Large Article Pick-up Stops	75	540
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	149	1,096
Newspaper Tonnage	22.68	237.64
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	61.24	389.69
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	12.26	130.59
Tires Recycled and Cost	$211.50	$687.00
Recycles- Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks:

NORTH BOROUGH PARKING LOT MONTH & YEAR 3-Oct
PARKING VIOLATION

DATE	TIME	TICKET NUMBER	LICENCE NUMBER	MAKE & COLOR	WIN	LOST	METER
10/1/2003	13.12		DZM-2786	FORD			26
10/1/2003	13.12		DGT-6599	HONDA			37
10/1/2003	13.12		DJD-2702	VW			68
10/1/2003	13.12		EVF-8216	OLDS			NOSPACE
10/2/2003	13.11		5451G	DODGE			19
10/2/2003	13.11		EHK-0805	MERCEDES			88
10/3/2003	13.05		EJE-7347	PONTIAC			86
10/6/2003	13.2		DTY-0833	CHEV			78
10/7/2003	13.01		MSFITS	CHEV			NOSPACE
10/9/2003	13.59		EJS-6873	HONDA			NOSPACE
10/10/2003	13.08		A4467	LANDROVER			15
10/22/2003	13		DRX-2915	FORD			50
10/23/2003	13.12		EXR-0032	KIA			4
10/24/2003	13		DKB-6232	FORD			15
10/24/2003	13		38D4	CHEV			17
					YEAR	$455.00	
					MONTH	$75.00	
					YEAR	$530.00	

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

3-Oct

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0	13.4		4.3	5	15.5	8.3		
	4.1		4.7	3.1	16.5	8.2		
	7.4		6.6	7.8	18.7	12.4		
	9.9		9.8	4.3	10.7	4.5		
	7.5		7.9	13.2	5.7	12.1		
	16.2		6.4		6.1	6.3		
	8.4		6.4		6.7	5.8		
	7.3		10.1		10.3	9.3		
	8.3		6.5		6.8	6		
	9.7		7		14.2	4.2		
	8.6		4.7		9.1	5		
	6.1		4.4		7.7	14.3		
	5.7		5.6		5.2	6.4		
	7.7		10.6		10	7.1		
	5.1		9.6		8.1	6		
	3.3		4.5		6.1	7.5		
	4.5		6.5		5	7		
	5.2		7.4		10.9	6.1		
	6.6		11.7		6.2	5.1		
	4.3		6.7		3.2	8.9		
	9.9		7.5		9.6	12.2		
	6.3		6.7		17.2	7		
	12.1		9.6			10.7		
	6.1		6.3			15.3		
	6.1		10.5			10.3		
	15.2		8.6			5.7		
	3.2		6			6.6		
	6.3		7.2			9.8		
	3.4		6			2.7		
	5.5		6.1			8		
	5.9		6.4			6.1		
	11.8		5.4			4.6		
	7.8		6.1			2.8		
	7.5		4.8			5.4		
	5.9		5.6			11.5		
	5.2		11.5			7.5		
0	267.5	0	255.7	33.4	209.5	276.7	0	1042.8

Total Gasoline 1042.8

at 1.05 gal = $1,094.94

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

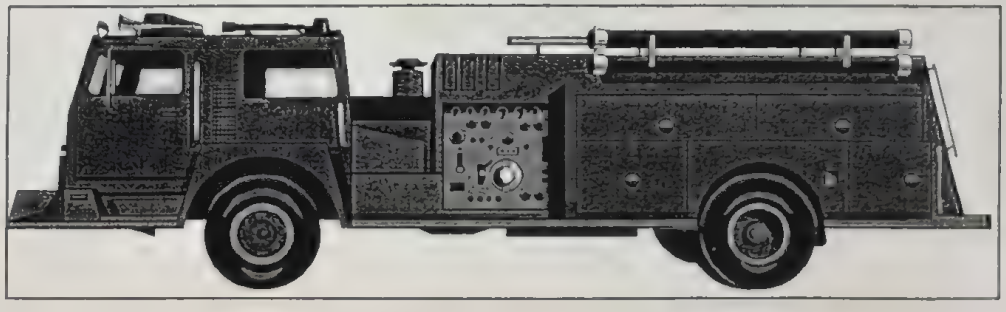
35-D	31.4														31.4
36-D	15.9	40.1													
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	47.3	40.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87.4

Oct-03

TOTAL DIESEL	87.4
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	79.53

34-G	16.1	20.4													
38-G	21.9														
39-G	20.1	19	19	18.5											
40-G	16.6														
46-G															
TOTAL	74.7	39.4	19	18.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	151.60

TOTAL GAS	151.60
GAS @ $1.05 A GALLON	159.18



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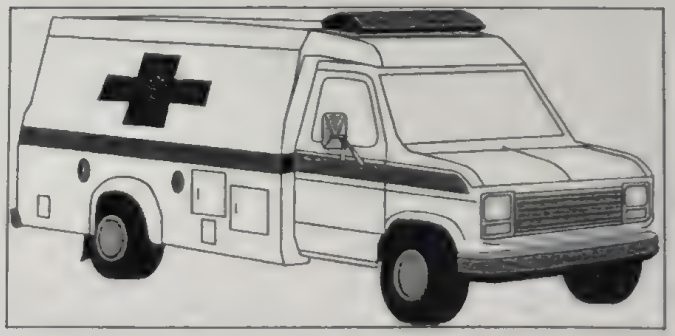
32-G															0	
33-G															0	0
31D															0	
30-D	17.8	19	16.1	18											70.9	70.9

TOTAL DIESEL	70.9
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	$64.52

TOTAL GASOLINE	0
GASOLINE @ $1.05 A GALLON	$0.00



3-Oct

DIESEL

9-21-D	26.1	21.9	34.9	5.6	22.4	22.3	33.9	20.2	21.4	11.7	14.1	25.1	22.7		
11-1-D	23.8	23	21.4												
17-8-D	23.8	11.5	38.6												
18-9-D	25.7	32.1	34.7												
20-12-D															
21-13-D	25	25.1	20.3												
26-14-D	31.5	25.9													
23-15-D	25.7	35.7													
24-16-D	30.4	23.5	34.2	27.5	30.7	27.5	19.5	23.9	18.1	23.3	16.4				
25-17-D	3.3														
30-M-D															
43-2-D	35														
44-D															
TOTALS	250.3	198.7	184.1	33.1	53.1	49.8	53.4	44.1	39.5	35	30.5	25.1	22.7	0	1019.4

GASOLINE

13-3-G	3.1	30.6	31.1	30.5											
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	11.2	16.1	34	6.4	2.2	14.3	11								
16-7-G	20.7														
19-11-G															
27-20-G	15.7	16.2	14.6												
28-59-G	23.2	26.3	24.7												
29-M-G	23.1	28.8	9.1												
42-24-G	15.3														
47-G															
48-G															
49-G															
50-G															
TOTALS	112.3	118	113.5	36.9	2.2	14.3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	408.2

GASOLINE	408.2
$1.05 A GALLON	428.61

DIESEL	1019.4
$.91 A GALLON	927.65

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : October 2003

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	16	210
Re-inspections	1	18
Fire Investigations	4	50
Special Service	4	39
Fire Reports Issued	1	7
Permits Issued	2	20
Permit Fees Collected	$100	$800
Fire Report Fees Collected	$25	$175
Inspection Fees Collected	$320	$7,553
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	$900	$1,475.25
Total Fees Collected	$1,345	$10,003.25

Remarks:
U & O Inspections 3 to date 43 Fees $900 to date $14,170 Reinspt to date 4

Times	Investigations	Inspections	Special Service	Total
Stauch	1.35	1.45	25.30	28.10
Thomas	0.00	1.45	9.00	10.45
Reading	0.00	2.15	2.00	4.15
Totals	1.35	5.05	36.30	42.70

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 24, 2003

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, and Taggart, Mayor Celano, Treasurer McKean, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, and Borough Manager Pantano.

ABSENT
Councilperson Younglove and Superintendent Stauch.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:34 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **October minutes** and the revisions. COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK commended anyone who had any small or large part in the annual **Christmas Parade**. He mentioned that it was a record turnout and it was probably one of the most gorgeous dates in terms of weather. He knows that many hands went into making this parade a huge success. President Clark personally, on behalf of Borough Council, thanked the Police Department, the Public Works Department, the creators, producers, and especially the participants.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he had just a few items for Council. The first issue is a quick update on the **cell tower**. Solicitor Meyer has reviewed the Entering and Testing Agreement. There were a couple of minor changes that he found in it that will be addressed. Borough Manager Pantano talked to the representative from Sprint and he said that they would probably meet with their engineers within a week. He doubts that they will meet with their engineers this week, though, because of the holiday. Sprint could be in as early as next week to do the testing.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO received notification from the State that we did not receive the **Borough Hall Historical Preservation Grant** this year. He added that he was very disappointed because he thought we were very close to receiving it. They simply send a letter stating that we did not get it and he does not have any more information, at this time, about why or how close we came. Borough Manager Pantano will plan on resubmitting the grant for next year, however unless he gets some feedback as to why we didn't do as well as we should have, he's not sure that we will do any better next year than we did this year.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO updated everyone on the **CBDG Grant**. He met with Terry McMullen, from the County, to finalize all of the paperwork for this year's CDBG project. Mr. McMullen presented Borough Manager Pantano with the contract and all of the paperwork for next year's project. He reminded everyone that next year's project is going to be East Moreland Avenue. It is a $174,000 project and the Borough's match will be $26,000. This is something that they will need to budget through the Authority.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that there has been no activity on the **York Road Traffic Light Project**. The design on the street light project was supposed to be completed by now, or well underway by now. Our most recent inquiry into the project shows that the County will

be finishing interviewing consultants for the project during November. Design will occur next year with construction expected to be done in 2005. The $40,000 for the match has been budgeted through the Authority for the last couple of years. It hasn't been spent, obviously, since the project has not been done but it will need to be budgeted again this year. The 25% match, required for the construction, has been escrowed so we are prepared for that when the construction time does come about.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO provided Council with a list of various **Board and Commission term expirations** for this year. In addition to the terms that are expiring, there is one vacancy on the Police Civil Service Commission. He added that we have received a couple of resumes for consideration for the Civil Service position.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO was previously asked by Councilperson Polaneczky to look into an article that was published in the newspaper concerning a Bill known as the **Suburban Tax Fairness Act**. The article talked about Upper Southampton enacting a resolution supporting **House Bill 1500**. Borough Manager Pantano contacted Upper Southampton to get some information on it. The Bill would require Philadelphia to return 1% of the Earned Income Taxes that the city collects from workers who live outside the city but work in the city. At present, Philadelphia collects wage taxes but is not required to return the money to the municipalities where the workers live. Borough Manager Pantano explained that the chances of this actually going through are probably not really good but he attached the resolution that Upper Southampton had passed and sent to their State Legislator. He thought Council might want to look at that resolution to decide if it should be discussed at the next committee meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that a few months ago Borough Manager Pantano reported that he closed out a grant with the County and prior to that we had not received any of the money. She asked where that stands now. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that we received the funds and they are in the same escrow account. The account is the **Road Improvement account** and it was established last year. Vice President Zygmont asked how much it was for. Borough Manager Pantano thought it was about $30,000+.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if Borough Manager Pantano skipped over the Board and Commission vacancies. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said no. Councilperson Polaneczky explained that anyone interested in serving the Borough in any capacity should submit their resume at this time. He also asked if this could be placed on the cable channel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 10/31/03 the balances invested in the Commerce Bank totaled $2,735,796.20. Interest credited for the month was $3,197.75. Average yield for October was 1.32%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the **bills** and **manual check list**. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked about why the bill for the **liquid chlorine**, was dated July yet paid in November. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said he would have to check into that. Vice President Zygmont asked what a **Pace trailer** was, which was seen on the manual check list. Borough Manager Pantano explained that is the trailer that we bought for the Public Works Department to haul equipment, etc. around. It was a budgeted item for this year. This MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list was made by COUNCILPERSON ACKER. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO had the privilege to marry a couple involved in a local fire company. He said he cannot thank the **Fire Company** enough for their hard work and dedication. He said that we, the Borough, know that they have done a good job.

MAYOR CELANO noted that the **Christmas Parade** was outstanding. He also stated that his 59th anniversary was on the day of the parade. PRESIDENT CLARK offered congratulations to Mayor Celano and his wife for their anniversary.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER congratulated Mayor Celano on his 59th **anniversary**.

SOLICITOR MEYER announced that there have been ongoing discussions and conference calls regarding the Access and Indemnity Agreement to permit **Exxon Mobil** to install monitoring wells of contaminated water under Borough property.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared amendments to **Chapter 15** based on recommendations of former Councilperson Zollers before he retired from Borough Council. He made some amendments and spoke with Chief Gardner about it. Upon adoption, this change and prior amendments should be codified in our Code of Ordinances.

SOLICITOR MEYER received notice from FEMA regarding changing the **floodplain** of North York Road. He had a telephone discussion and letter confirming compliance by the Borough for the Flood Insurance Program. Solicitor Meyer prepared a letter and had a telephone conference indicating the Borough continues with stricter requirements to prevent flooding. The strict requirements allow us not to jeopardize the floodplain insurance.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed the **Sprint** contract. Minor changes were made.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed the **Per Capita Business Privilege Tax**, at Councilperson Polaneczky's request. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY thanked Solicitor Meyer for looking into it.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GARDNER stated that he worked with Solicitor Meyer to review **Chapter 15**, which is a work in progress.

CHIEF GARDNER thanked the **Chamber of Commerce**. He was a part of the **parade** and he felt it was quite an honor.

CHIEF GARDNER announced that last week the Police Department, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police and the District Attorney's office, initiated another chapter of an ongoing investigation with an establishment on York Road where there have been some **prostitution** arrests. The investigation is ongoing and has been under investigation since 1993. COUNCILPERSON ACKER thanked the State Police, the District Attorney's office, and our own Police Department for the work they did at the sauna. He noted that once again we made the headlines in the Our Towns section of the newspaper. He believes we have done between three and six raids there already. Chief Gardner stated that there were two there last year and one this year. He has a long running list, which is used on the search warrant and he knows it has been multiple times since 1993. Councilperson Acker encourages our Police Department, the State Police Department, and the District Attorney's Office to do whatever they can so we can shut this place down. He wants to ensure the citizens that we are doing everything we can. Councilperson Acker stated that, according to the newspaper, both women gave their addresses as that at the massage parlor, **136 South York Road**. He asked if there is an apartment there. Chief Gardner

stated that they have been told a number of times that the women stay in a second floor apartment in an adjacent building. He has been in there himself, for investigative reasons, and there are areas, which have small rooms and single beds where the massages are conducted. There is another room in the back with a double bed. There was clothing found in that area and there is always clothing and personal items in there that is indicative of someone inhabiting that building. He can't say certainly that they are in there twenty-four hours a day but there are definitely signs that there are people using that as living quarters at times. Councilperson Acker stated that since the women gave that as an address, from the Borough's standpoint he would like to pursue that as a zoning issue. He asked Zoning Officer Heller to look into any zoning issues there. He explained that the people in this borough have put up with this for a decade and it is a disgrace. He added that we have been more than tolerant of this and it's time to put an end to it. Councilperson Acker stated that Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce have put some much work into making the Borough reflective of what it was at the parade and the car shows. It's simply a disgrace. We need to do whatever we can to move forward in putting an end to it. Chief Gardner forwarded some information pertaining to the ownership of the property to Solicitor Meyer. Councilperson Acker actually thought it was gone already since the All Systems TV and Satellites sign is up there now. Chief Gardner stated that it's still at the same location. MAYOR CELANO stated that he knew it was suspicious from the day it opened. Councilperson Acker stated that from a budget standpoint, if they are living there then we should get their earned income tax.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that in his thirty-six years of doing the **parade** he has seen a lot of people, including celebrities, coming up York Road. He was extremely pleased and honored yesterday when he saw the car carrying Chief Gardner. He doesn't think we could have honored a better individual. He's an individual who has brought great leadership and personality into this Borough. He wanted to congratulate Chief Gardner and state that it was a great choice for a great parade. Chief Gardner thanked President Clark.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK announced that **Commerce Bank** presented us with $1,000 and we took the opportunity to give the money to the **Hatboro Little League** ($250), **Meals on Wheels** ($250), **Millbrook Society** ($250), and the **Union Library** ($250). Claire Signs presented each representative with a check.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that the **Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority**, from what he understands, is going to be dissolved as of the 15th. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that that is not true and it would be discussed at executive session.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 03-12**, approving the pool fees. She explained that none of the fees have been changed. A swim team membership, $45, has been added. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Ron Battis, West Moreland Avenue, said he received the **newsletter**. He noted that it was very well done especially considering the resources we have to put it together. He stated that it was excellent. Mr. Battis advised everyone that Vice President Zygmont put in a letter about a meeting bringing together people interested in working with the **pool**, in February. He stated that she would be posting the date on the Internet but he asked everyone to please take it into consideration to show up at that meeting. He said the meeting is not to close it down or build it up but to get some

good ideas and some fresh thoughts to improve the situation. He added that now is the time to do it, not later when we can't afford it on the budget.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Councilperson Younglove is ill tonight and had nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART made a MOTION to approve the **air-packs** for the Fire Company. He explained that this is a budgeted item for this year. The Fire Company put out three bids. The original amount budgeted was $106,000. The bids came out a little bit higher ($108,000 - $160,000). COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that the procedure for doing this was for the Fire Company to submit an abstract. He received that abstract on Friday with the details. There hasn't been any discussion on it and they haven't really talked about it like with other capital items. He stated that we don't just submit them and then vote on them three days later. Councilperson Polaneczky would prefer to take the time to talk about this now or wait until the next committee meeting, when these items are usually discussed. He added that he wasn't even aware that this was going to be on the agenda until he received his packet on Saturday. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT thought the rule was to bring it up at the committee meeting before voting on it. Councilperson Taggart stated that this is a budgeted item and we are just voting on the expenditure as we do with the expenditure list. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the rule is to have an abstract so that it can be discussed. He added that we didn't approve any capital items and we never do. He stated that we have to approve capital items when we want money spent through the Authority by a vote from Council and President Clark calls for that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he thinks this merits some discussion. Councilperson Taggart reiterated that this was a budgeted item. Councilperson Polaneczky said no, it was submitted as part of a capital budget and it was not agreed to be spent at that time. He added that we do not agree to spend anything at any time other than when we approve the budget. We approve what their operating budget is and that we have money to put away for capital items. Councilperson Taggart noted that it was Councilperson Polaneczky's suggestion to do it this way and no that we are doing it he has a problem with it. Councilperson Polaneczky said he agrees but it needs to be discussed. Councilperson Taggart asked what Councilperson Polaneczky would like to discuss. Councilperson Polaneczky said the numbers need to be discussed and asked President Clark if this was the place for this discussion. PRESIDENT CLARK said yes. Councilperson Polaneczky said since this is the first time they have seen any of the numbers, he sees twenty seven air-packs and he sees that we are trading in twenty seven air-packs. He asked how they arrived at that number. CHUCK McELROY stated that that is the number of air-packs that the Fire Company owns. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how we determine the number of air-packs we actually need. CHIEF ZOLLERS said there are four trucks and six available spots per truck. Everyone, by NFPA standards, must have an air-pack available to ride the fire truck. That is twenty four air-packs plus the three in the cars. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if the Fire Board has approved or disapproved this. Chief Zollers said yes, they have approved it. VINCE LaSORSA agreed that the Fire Board has agreed to twenty seven air-packs. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if they have all four trucks go out at one time. Chief Zollers said yes but not on every single call. Councilperson Polaneczky said they are on duty but four trucks don't usually go out at the same time. Chief Zollers said it depends on what type of fire it is. If it is a building fire in Hatboro then yes, all four go out. He added that if it's a car fire then you don't need four fire trucks. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he understands that for the most part, for the past three years four trucks do not go out. Chief Zollers asked who he understands that from as he is the Fire Chief and he is saying that four trucks do go to some of the fires. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how often that happens. Chief Zollers said if there is a structure fire in town then four trucks go to the fire. Councilperson Polaneczky again asked how often it happens. Chuck McElroy stated that you can't base that on numbers. Some years there might be six and other years there might be two. You can't base it on numbers. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is trying to understand why we have to equip four trucks. Chief Zollers explained that even if not all four trucks

go then it's not always the same trucks that go out. He gave the example of the fire at 6 North York Road. He explained that three of the trucks went. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if it was two pumpers and a ladder. Chief Zollers stated that engine 95 didn't go because there was no driver. They all have to be equip because there is a possibility that they all could be used at one time or another. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if 95 didn't go out because there was no available driver. Chief Zollers said there was no available driver at that time. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he brought this up before but he questions if we can send guys to a class to get them certified to drive that truck. He then asked if we are not sending out all four trucks, that's fine, and if we help the other companies and they help us with a large fire then do we really need to equip four trucks. He said if he is saying that if that's what the standards are and they would like to have four trucks then maybe Council should consider paying for ¾ of these and out of the 1.5 million dollar Relief Association funds could pay for ¼ and we could pay for the other ¾. He added that air-packs are listed in the Attorney General's guide of what that money could be spent on. Chief Zollers stated that Councilperson Polaneczky is always big on documentation and I.S.O. (Insurance Services Office) rates every town and they give a list of things that each town should have. They said we should have three engines and a ladder and that is exactly what we have. Chief Zollers explained that Council is also bound by contract they have with the company to provide fire equipment for the fire company to offer fire protection. Chief Zollers stated that someone independent is stating that we should have three engines and a ladder and we need the equipment for them. He doesn't understand why Council wouldn't buy all of those air-packs. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he talked to them and he talked to the Montgomery County Safety Marshal who put him in touch with some of those agencies. He explained that the guidelines don't say that we are to have three engines and a ladder, rather they say we are to be covered by a certain pumper capacity including a first responding mutual aide _____. Chief Zollers said he has the documentation that they need three pumpers and a ladder and if our truck runs out of town and their truck runs into town then it's a wash. You need to equip three engines and a ladder. Chief Zollers added that they use all of the trucks so he doesn't know why it's a question. He admitted that they do not use every truck at every call. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that even at a small call they would use only one truck. He stated that if they had two pumpers and a ladder then most of the time that's what would go out for a large fire. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Chief Zollers showed Council the average number of people that respond to calls in the day and night. He stated that the response is better at night because the guys are working during the day. His question is that if other companies pay for this 100% out of their Relief Association money, which is one of the first items that is listed by the Attorney General in a list of over 100 items, then maybe our Fire Company can help defray some of the cost instead of asking our taxpayers to pay out $100,000 for four trucks that we usually don't run at the same time. Chief Zollers stated that if the Relief Association money is used for air-packs then the Relief Association is not going to buy other items that they are currently buying like pagers. Then the Fire Company will have to come to Council to ask for the money for the pagers. Chief Zollers said it is much like the Authority gives the Borough money to spend. The Relief Association gives the Fire Company $40,000 a year to spend and they buy fire equipment with that money. If they take the money out of there for the air-packs then the equipment that they currently use the $40,000 on will then not be covered and the Fire Company will have to ask Council for that money. He added that it's not as if the Relief Association is not spending any money, they are spending a certain amount of money. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the $40,000 is an arbitrary number because they receive interest on the $40,000 per year and they also receive money from the Attorney General's office. Chuck McElroy stated that that money pays for their insurance. Councilperson Polaneczky said he is sure that $38,000 is not their life insurance premium and if it is then they probably need to take a look at that. Chuck McElroy said they have looked at that. Chief Zollers said it is for life insurance, accidental death, and dismemberment. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they pay for that for the police, etc. and he doesn't know that that's $36,000 but asked what the interest was on 1.5 million dollars. Chuck McElroy asked if Councilperson Polaneczky knew what the Relief Association's main purpose is. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he does because he has the Attorney General's book. He said it is to provide safety and safety equipment and back-up for fire fighters in the line of duty and for those that are killed. Chuck McElroy stated that that is their

primary purpose – for taking care of the fire fighters if they are injured, maimed, or killed in the line of duty. He asked where Councilperson Polaneczky sets the figure on how much a firefighter is worth. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they are providing $36,000 worth of life insurance, accidental death, and dismemberment. There are monies that come if a firefighter is killed from the state and from the federal and in addition, we pick up their workers' compensation. Therefore, if they are injured while performing at a fire, even though they are not employees of the Borough, then they are entitled to receive workers' compensation insurance. Chuck McElroy stated that they do not cover everything. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that that is why they have accidental death and dismemberment and life insurance, and that's why they get money from the State and the Federal Government. He admires anybody that would go out and do this because it's an admirable job. He knows that they do put their life on the line but the they should not cloud the issue because if they get the book then they would see that the Attorney General's office lists many different expenditures. Chuck McElroy stated that he has the book and he knows the book well. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Councilperson Ehrsam has done some investigation and they talked about who and what has been spent on this. He added that there are a lot of companies that have very little. We have a very, very large Relief Association fund and it's not going to do the guy any good if he doesn't have an air-pack when he's killed. JOE READING said he's right and he is the one that is stopping that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the Relief Association needs to spend some money on this. Chuck McElroy said they do spend the money on this. Councilperson Taggart stated that the Relief Association does spend the money and if they go by Councilperson Polaneczky's theory to spend all of the Relief Association's money then there will be no money there to generate interest, which in turn picks up a lot of things. He added that the insurance is $38,000 per year but then there are additional items that they spend another $40,000 on. Councilperson Taggart stated that a lot of companies have spent all of their Relief Association money and they don't have anything therefore if one of their firefighters does get hurt or killed then there is nothing to fall back on. He compared it to a $100 bill – if you break it then you will probably spend it all. Councilperson Taggart stated that the Fire Company has a responsible policy for handling that and they have it earmarked for certain things and they buy it. This is something that we are responsible for and he feels 100% that this is something that the Borough is responsible for. The Fire Company provides 24-hour a day, 7-days a week, 365-days per year fire protection services. In addition, there is not one salary drawn out of the Fire Company. Councilperson Taggart said to sit there and bicker over a piece of lifesaving equipment is ludicrous. He added that if Council can't supply the Fire Company with the equipment they need to do their job then Council is not doing their job. Councilperson Polaneczky said that now that Councilperson Taggart is done with his little diatribe he would like to give him some information. Councilperson Taggart said it is not diatribe, it's the facts. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Councilperson Taggart what 1% interest on 1 million dollars is. Councilperson Taggart said it is a lot of money and they are getting way off of the subject. Councilperson Taggart said he had a motion on the floor. Councilperson Polaneczky said that he didn't have a second. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there is a motion and a second and Roberts Rules say they can discuss it. He stated that they had the guy from the Relief Association in and he not only talked about buying the insurance policies but he also said that they give the Fire Company $30-40,000 per year. He added that they take the excess and reinvest it to make it larger. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that when the citizens of this Borough have to take credit card money while we give $250,000 to the Fire Company at our discretion then he asks that they are efficient with it. He mentioned that he doesn't have a problem covering a part of this but if they say they don't run four engines regularly then let's cover three and let them cover the fourth if they want to have it. He said we pay for a lot of fire protection and half of it goes out for mutual aide, which they have to do so we can get it back in here. That doesn't mean that we have to have four engines and ask all of our citizens to dig extra into their pockets because we want to have maybe more than we need. Councilperson Taggart asked if Councilperson Polaneczky knew how much the average citizen paid for fire protection. He said it's about $80 per year and he thinks it's well worth it. Councilperson Polaneczky said that we have to look at this and be realistic because they will come up to us and ask for another $150,000. We can afford to pay for ¾ of that and he doesn't think that's unreasonable. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

said that in the budget it is projected for this year that the capital replacement account is $129,450. Her understanding was that last year the Fire Company got the tax increase. She asked if the $108,000 would come out of this fund. Chuck McElroy said yes. Vice President Zygmont stated that they leave the balance of that money in the account and asked what happens when they want the radios. RICH LEFEBVRE stated that Council told them to buy the air-packs and not the radios so that is what they are doing. Vice President Zygmont said she was not privy to that and she is trying to see long-term. Chuck McElroy announced that right now they have a federal grant application in for the radios. Five fire companies in Montgomery County got the grant and they are buying radios with that money but we haven't heard one way or the other yet. They met last year, after Thanksgiving, and Councilperson Polaneczky said, "You are getting $106,000 for the air-packs and how you spend it is what you get. Don't come back afterwards when you blow the money." Councilperson Polaneczky said he said, "You are getting this much money and we have this much available for capital items." At the time they talked about $150,000 for the radios and this number was in there. He explained that they will take all of the capital money that is allocated. They still have to make an engine payment out of that ($66,000 per year) and they have the radios, which they are hoping for a grant for. Councilperson Polaneczky added that according to the Attorney General's guidebook, air-packs are given a much higher safety priority than radio equipment is. He stated that the radios are far down the list of safety priorities. He explained that he is saying that this is a more legitimate expense that we can ask the Relief Association for help with. This way there is still the $66,000 for the engine plus the ladder payments, which are monthly. They will eventually need the radios and if they run out before they get the money allocated then there is no way it can be approved in advance because it's not budgeted. Councilperson Polaneczky said they are looking at a Chief's vehicle and an Assistant Chief's vehicle and they will need a van eventually for the Fire Police. He said he would have rather had this discussed at a committee meeting and this was exactly what he was looking for – the abstract looks great. He stated that our Relief Association is one of the highest in the state and Lower Moreland and Newtown are using the Relief Association to pay for some of these items. Councilperson Polaneczky reiterated that he is making the suggestion that the Relief Association pays for ¼ of it. Chief Zollers asked why Council isn't using the Authority money to pay for things instead of raising the trash fees. Councilperson Polaneczky said they are. Chief Zollers said the Fire Company is using the Relief Association also. Councilperson Polaneczky said they use every dime of interest and they are looking at leveraging that money and borrowing over $1,000,000 that would be paid back to the Authority. With that borrowed money we could fix the Loller building, renovate the firehouse, fix the pool, and to do other items like waste, water, and drainage. Chief Zollers said they are not technically spending the principal then. Councilperson Polaneczky said it would be like the Fire Company going out and borrowing $1 million based on the assets of the Relief Association and then taking the interest from that and paying it back, which would relieve the Borough of that burden. Chief Zollers agreed and said then they would increase the burden on the equipment that they currently buy with the Relief Association money. Councilperson Polaneczky said yes but they have $1,000,000 to spend right now. He added that he asks himself if he can legitimately ask the taxpayers to equip four trucks when we do a lot of mutual aide and we do not send out four trucks. Rich Lefebvre stated that the last fire in the Borough had thirty-five firefighters and there weren't enough air-packs so maybe they should have put in for even more air-packs. Councilperson Polaneczky said when children get injured he would like to send a doctor with every one but they can't and that's why we have mutual aide. They have air-packs and we have air-packs and they buy fire equipment and we buy fire equipment. Chuck McElroy said this is ridiculous. Councilperson Polaneczky said they have to ask if they really need four trucks. Several fire fighters unanimously said yes. Steve Hughes said that he can understand where Councilperson Polaneczky comes from regarding money to be spent. He is a member of the Enterprise Fire Company and has been for seven years. He said he does not even live in Hatboro and he drives over two miles for every call, meeting, and drill to be a part of this department. This is a great department with the lowest budget in the area. Steve Hughes acknowledged that we are also the smallest Borough in the area. He said that Councilperson Polaneczky is comparing this Fire Company to companies like Willow Grove who has at least $1,000,000 budget. He explained that you wouldn't drive a car with three wheels just because there is one at home with four wheels.

They need four trucks and each truck is set up specifically to work by itself or in conjunction with other trucks. Just because all four don't always go out at once doesn't mean they should not all be equip. One truck may break down or another truck may be taken depending on the drivers. Steve Hughes added that the he knows when he gets on the truck he doesn't want to have a faulty air-pack. Having only three spares is a joke as it is. He stated that the Relief Association has always been for the fire fighters and if anyone ever gets hurt he wants to know that they are covered. Councilperson Polaneczky said he appreciated that but he is not just shooting from the hip, he has looked into this quite a bit. Upper Moreland does have a higher budget than Hatboro and part of that is because they have paid fire fighters. Lower Moreland, however, has a lower budget than us and covers a greater area. Their budget is marginally lower because they have spent some of their Relief Association funds. He said he also looked into companies in Bucks County, etc. The three wheel car analogy is a little false. Councilperson Polaneczky added that if he had a car in his driveway and once in a while he needed a pick-up truck to take, he doesn't just sometimes go out and buy a pick-up truck if he can't afford it. With all of the mutual aide and the fact that we don't send them all out, he doesn't have a problem if we have a fourth truck but when it comes to equipping the trucks he's concerned about the costs involved. He said when other companies have trucks offline they were pulled from first responders and they had other people covered those trucks or they borrowed or rented trucks. He said the total expenditure is $108,000 for the air-packs and $160,000 for the radios, plus the $12,000 for the ladder payment and $66,000 for the pumper payment which puts them well over $300,000 to kick out maybe in the next year unless Homeland Security gets us. That will completely deplete any capital items that they will be able to buy in the foreseeable future. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is just looking at the $110,000 and thinking the Relief Association can put in another $30,000. Rich Lefebvre stated that right now they buy various other items. Councilperson Polaneczky said it's like equipment, clothes, and boots. Rich Lefebvre stated that they don't buy that anymore. He asked if Council would pick up what the Relief Association would not pay for if the Fire Company took out the money, from the Relief Association, for the air-packs. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is not talking about revenue neutral, rather he is talking about asking the Relief Association to pay for something additional. Vice President Zygmont asked how old the current air-packs are. Rich Lefebvre said they are thirteen years old with a fifteen year lifespan. President Clark restated that there was a motion and a second on the floor and there has been discussion. With a vote of 5 to 1, having Councilperson Polaneczky voting no, this motion was APPROVED. Vice President Zygmont stated that she would appreciate if next time they discussed this at a committee meeting.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he had nothing to report on his agenda.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
Ed Moll, Academy Road, stated that he sat there for about one-half hour listening to both sides and it sounds to him like there was a **process**, for approving expenditures, that was to be followed that wasn't. He wanted to know why it was not followed. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that the process was followed. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that the process was followed because it was budgeted into the 2003 budget. The Fire Company budget was approved last year and was approved by this Council and the Fire Board. This was an approved expenditure and there was no circumvention of any process. The bids were sent out and now that they are in we need to proceed because the Fire Company is in a consortium. Therefore if it drags on to next year then the air-packs will cost $48,000 more. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that Councilperson Taggart was incorrect. He stated that when they went through the budget the people that were there were Councilperson Polaneczky, Rich Lefebvre, and President Clark. He pointed out that Councilperson Taggart, chairman of Public Safety, was not at that meeting. Councilperson Taggart stated that he was at the other twelve Fire Board meetings, which Councilperson Polaneczky was not at. Councilperson Polaneczky explained that at that meeting they went through this and went

through all of the needed capital items. They only discussed how much those items would be. There was never an approval of those items and in fact, if you go back and look at the minutes from the Budget and Insurance committee several months ago they talked about how this was to be presented. There was to be an abstract presented and then discussion. The abstract came on Friday afternoon in the packet and that's why the discussion went on tonight. Councilperson Polaneczky pointed out that the normal course of business, as laid out by President Clark, is to discuss items in committee meetings and vote on them at council meetings. It should not have been putting them into the packet on Friday evening and then vote on them on Monday. That is incorrect and it was never part of the process. Ed Moll, asked what President Clark's comments were. President Clark stated that the process was followed because this was a budgeted item. They also allowed for discussion before the vote. President Clark explained that the firefighters need their air-packs. We are now sending them out in inadequate equipment. He said that every firefighter, in the Borough, receives no salary. He pointed out that in the middle of the night, when there is a fire call, we are not out with them on a snowy, rainy, ice-driven road. When that whistle goes off, the firefighters are there. Ed Moll stated that President Clark is making the assumption that he disagrees with this expenditure. He is, instead, pointing out that there is a process to be followed. President Clark stated that the process was followed and with all due respect the process was followed and it's the end of the discussion. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he had to disagree with President Clark. The budget was approved with capital items and an operating contingent for the fire tax. We never had specific items approved. We had a capital amount that is at Council's discretion, which belongs to Council, which they turn around and use for fire protection, which we have agreed to use once the abstracts are presented to aide the Fire Company. We have a contract with the Fire Company but we never actually put actual numbers with items in that budget. Councilperson Taggart said if they look at the 2003 budget it says $262,000 is budgeted for fire protection. Councilperson Polaneczky agreed. Councilperson Taggart said that Council is not qualified to determine the operation of the Fire Company. They needed it, it was discussed and approved by the Fire Board, which Council appointed, and he doesn't see what the problem is. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he has nothing in writing from the Fire Board. He said there is $105,000 for the fire operating budget and he asked Councilperson Taggart how those expenditures are approved. Councilperson Taggart said they give Council an expenditure list. Councilperson Polaneczky said they are approved every week after they read through them. He asked what process was laid down for the approval of capital items. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it was required to have an abstract, have time to review and discuss the abstract, and then vote upon it. Councilperson Taggart said they did submit an abstract and Council had all weekend to review it. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he received his packet on Saturday. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he received his packet on Sunday. He added that in the bids themselves, the priced are guaranteed for seventy-five days so it could have been discussed at the committee meeting.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he would like to discuss the **library budget**. He asked if the library budget was a public document and if so, could the library provide copies for the public, as needed. HARRIET EHRSAM said it is a public document and they will absolutely provide a copy of the top page to anyone interested. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the library budget is showing, if we assume that the current contribution remains at $28,000 (the same they have had since 1996), with the cut that currently remains at the State the library stands to lose about $29-30,000. Harriet Ehrsam explained that that is what their deficit would be. She then explained that the House of Representatives already passed the budget to the Senate without restoring any aide to the library fund. Therefore they are facing a 50% cut in their state aide, which amounts to about $16,000. She stated that they sent a letter to Council in November 2002 because they were facing a deficit just under normal circumstances due to rising costs. When they wrote again this year, they knew about the 50% cut. Harriet Ehrsam stated that they already raised additional money. The $28,000 that the Borough has allotted to the library, since 1994, amount to about $3.79 or $3.84 per person. They really don't have any place to cut. The library has minimum staffing, minimum salaries, and they can't cut the hours like many libraries do because their hours are already at the state minimum. If they cut more hours from the library then they will

lose more money from the state because they won't meet minimum standards. They are in the position where they desperately need some help. Harriet Ehrsam spoke to Senator Greenleaf last week and he guarantees that it will not be fully funded. So they are facing a minimal deficit of $16-17,000 and a maximum deficit of $20,000. Harriet Ehrsam knows that there is an additional $14,000 budgeted for the library this year and she respectfully asked that Council at least meet the minimum deficit. She truly believes that the library is the Borough's best bargain. They operate on a budget less than $120,000 per year. If she has to take this cut then they will have to cut the book budget, the programs, and all of the good things they have had since 1991 when many members of the present Council voted to give the library money for the first time. She added that all of the good things will start to go down the drain because there is no other way for the library to do the kinds of things they have been doing. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he has a couple of questions and people have been e-mailing him. He asked how Harriet Ehrsam's salary is paid. He explained that he knows from doing the audits that her salary comes from the endowment funds. Harriet Ehrsam said what they do with the Borough's money is to keep it in a separate account which is for the books, materials, computers, etc. She added that there are no salaries paid from the tax dollars that come from the Borough. Councilperson Polaneczky, spoke on behalf of himself, and stated that he doesn't believe, even in lieu of the state cuts and the failure to restore that budget, that they can ask the taxpayers to extend anymore than the additional $14,000. He understands that they have not had any increase in almost ten years. He also understands that times are tough and there are a lot of kids in this town that use that facility but he doesn't see where to pull those additional funds from at this time. Harriet Ehrsam stated that the problem is that we talk about essential services and we forget that a library is an essential service. She said many people believe that libraries are becoming obsolete because of the Internet. She added that we, however, live in a community where the average income is $27,000 and not everybody has a computer. Pre-school education is one of the most important indicators for what is going to happen in a child's education and she provides pre-school story time three times per week, almost fifty-two weeks per year, for the pre-schoolers in this community. She doesn't think that you can just say that it's ok and the library really doesn't need it because the library is an important part of this community. She explained that they spent the last ten years, with help from some of this current Council, improving services so that she could say that everyone in attendance could be proud of the Union Library. It's celebrating its 250th anniversary and every Council member should be proud of the job it does. She said their decisions are their decisions and then submitted letters to Council. She said they are only the beginnings of letters from people who care deeply about the Union Library. Councilperson Polaneczky told Harriet Ehrsam that she knows that he would like to give everything he could and that he'll be out there making funnel cakes for their fundraisers. Harriet Ehrsam said the problem is that that doesn't make up for the deficit like that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he would like to give more to everybody and if they can find another $2,000 to cover the minimum of at least $16,000 then he will. Harriet Ehrsam said that that is all she is asking for – another $2,000. She added that she doesn't want him to think that she's not deeply appreciative of the money already budgeted. Councilperson Polaneczky said he knows she is and they appreciate the work she does day in and day out for the people in this town. He added that he would like to make some suggestions which may not be popular among his fellow council members but they might be able to shift another $2,000. Merrie Keller, 110 West Monument Avenue, stated that she is looking at a copy of the current budget. The code is 465.505 for the Union Library and it says $42,000. Harriet Ehrsam stated that they are given $28,000 now and they have added an additional $14,000 to the budget and she is asking for $2,000 more. Councilperson Polaneczky explained that with Governor Rendell's budget and the legislation that was passed by the House of Representatives, the increase of state income tax does not restore any of the 50% cut. He stated that he's not sure how our taxes go up but our spending on libraries go down although he remembers passing a referendum about the Fire Company and they haven't seen that either.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that Council was looking into dwindling down the $97,000 that we were short for the **2004 budget**. He added that two resident came out to the last meeting and said they could not afford the big tax increases. He added that we have had a 70% increase, or 14% per year, since 1998 in the Real Estate Taxes. There has been a 20% increase

in the trash fee. The taxes are still the third highest in the county. He stated that Councilperson Younglove e-mailed him some ideas. The first idea, which Councilperson Polaneczky agrees with, is maybe in the interest of trying to show some good faith we could either temporarily or permanently eliminate Council and the Mayor's wages. Councilperson Polaneczky added that **Council wages** are about $20,000 and the related taxes on them are about $1,500. He mentioned that he thinks this idea was brought up year ago but denied. Councilperson Younglove's second idea was to reinstate the **Per Capita Tax** at $15.00. His thinking was yes it's a tax, but it's spread out over everybody in the Borough, not just the homeowners. Then we would have to determine who would collect it. He asked Judy Emig, Tax Collector, how hard it would be to collect with the Real Estate Taxes. JUDY EMIG stated that the residents didn't like it with the Real Estate Tax bill. It had to be mailed out separately. Councilperson Polaneczky noted that there would be certain additional costs associated with that and it probably wouldn't make up the difference. Other suggestions were to continue to pare down the **insurance costs**, which are still a 15% increase. Everything was pretty much relating to controlling our expenditures as we go forward becoming more efficient. Councilperson Polaneczky personally feels like we could eliminate, through attrition, a fulltime position in one of the departments, maybe even a **clerk position** if we offer an early retirement. He stated that they could have part-time help to cover the fulltime clerk position or even some of the officers could cover the desk during slow times. That could probably save some money. He added that there will probably be a large increase next year too, with the **MMO** and the health insurance costs.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that not one employee, in the Borough, contributes to their **health insurance**. He added that we have given everyone **carte blanche raises** to everyone in the budget. He mentioned that he has been here for four-years and they have yet to have evaluated one employee. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked Councilperson Ehrsam how many **evaluations** he has personally completed. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he voted for President Clark two years ago because that was the one thing he guaranteed would be done. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he had evaluated public works employees and they were never put in their files. Councilperson Acker stated that he was never privy to Councilperson Ehrsam's evaluations. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he has not seen any evaluations either. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that they can blame him for not doing any evaluations but asked how many Councilperson Acker has done. He also asked how we can justify carte blanche raises across the board without evaluating one employee. Councilperson Acker stated that the Police are covered under contract and we are negotiating a contract with Public Works. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that they gave Public Works the exact same thing they gave the Police Department. Councilperson Acker stated that it was done through a negotiation process. He explained that this is not an office structure with a human resources department. VICE PRESDIENT ZYGMONT asked who decided this year that there would be 3% increases for everybody when as a whole Council it was never discussed. She added that people deserve the right to have an evaluation every year so that maybe they could have the chance to improve. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that the only way we will get anything, including insurance, is through negotiations. He pointed out that Councilperson Ehrsam and Vice President Zygmont have been working on the Public Works contract and they have been working without a contract for what is going on a second year. Vice President Zygmont said yes, and Councilperson Taggart handled the Police contract and you see where we sit with that. Councilperson Taggart said it is done because we offered them a fair deal. Councilperson Ehrsam asked Councilperson Taggart if he really considered that a fair deal. Councilperson Taggart said yes, it was a fair deal for both parties. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that Councilperson Taggart gave the new police officers a $10,000 increase. We went from $21,000 to $31,000 and in four years they are at full salaries. In the interviews, the candidates were advised that there is no contract and they were asked if they would they still come here for $21,000. They said yes, yet it was still put in the contract to give them $31,000. Councilperson Taggart stated that he, personally, didn't give them anything, Council voted on it as a whole. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he did not vote for it. Councilperson Taggart explained that the majority did vote for it. Councilperson Taggart stated that we offered $31,000 so that we could attract quality people. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that

three people already said they would work here for $21,000. Councilperson Taggart corrected him and stated that the first three people did say they would work for it but we only hired one out of those three because the top two went to other departments because their starting salaries were higher. Councilperson Taggart stated that we lost the first two candidates because one went to Upper Merion and the other went to Lower Moreland. Councilperson Ehrsam said they told Council that at the interview. Councilperson Taggart said yes, but then they left and we couldn't hire them because they went elsewhere. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that one was starting the next day. Councilperson Taggart said no, the first one was a local Hatboro man. He was number one on the test and number one on the interview. We offered him the job and he accepted the job. Councilperson Taggart was at Chief Gardner's office the day he gave him the conditional offer and the man signed it. Two days later he called back and said no thanks because he was starting at Lower Moreland for $38,000. When you are hiring police officers you want quality people. He added that when you send police officers out on the street, you are sending out a lot of liability. Councilperson Taggart stated that he is sure that we could hire people for $10.00 per hour but he doesn't think that's the kind of police officer we want. Vice President Zygmont stated that our labor attorney disagreed with Councilperson Taggart. Councilperson Taggart stated that now that she has mentioned the labor attorney, he wants to advise everyone that the 3% raise for Public Works would come to an additional $12,000 per year. Instead of giving them 3%, we budget $12,500 per year for a labor attorney to fight with them. He asked what we are getting with that $12,500. Councilperson Taggart stated that they could have gone to arbitration with the police and that alone would have cost $20-30,000. Then if we lost they could have received a lot more than we offered. He cited the example of Upper Moreland going to arbitration. He stated that they got 4.5% raises and post-retirement pay. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they also have to pay part of their health insurance. Councilperson Taggart said no they do not. Councilperson Polaneczky said yes they do. He looked at the contract. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he thinks that what Councilperson Ehrsam is saying is not necessarily that we need to go out an evaluate each and every employee at this point. Maybe we should only budget, across the board, 2% raises instead of 3% for everyone from manager to Police Chief to secretaries and clerks. He thinks 2% is fair because inflation is 2.1% and most of the residents are not getting 3% or 5%, etc. Merrie Keller said that most aren't even getting 2%. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that if inflation is at 2.1% then he is not willing to give less than the cost of living. If we take 1% out of the overall salaries, except for the police which we are locked into, then what does it do for us? He also asked what it would do to ask everybody to contribute $20 per month to put towards their health insurance. He asked if it would get rid of the budget deficit. Next year there will be a huge pension payment, almost $100,000 more than this year, for the police and some of public works. A 15% increase, that we are saving by listing it as a higher co-pay, is going to be 15-20% next year and we can't keep bumping it up. He reminded everyone that if we negotiate something with Public Works employees for three years then we are bound by that. Right now, we must provide at 100% our cost, to our Police Department, $5 when you go to the doctor and $5 for drugs. Regardless of who voted for it or didn't, that was what was in our contract. We can't say that our earned income revenue is not going up because people did not earn as much money. We will, instead, slam our residents who are only getting social security increases and are only getting 2% or less. Councilperson Polaneczky added that Solicitor Meyer stated that we can't even go back and adjust our Business Privilege Tax.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that we have **landfill charges**. For 2004 we are projecting them to be $303,000. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY said that if for the trash-to-steam plant in Montgomery County. Councilperson Acker said this is where the residents can do their part in the recycling effort. The more we can take out of the trash is the less we have to pay for the tipping fee. Merrie Keller said fine then enact it. Councilperson Acker said it is enacted. We have a recycling ordinance but the people are not complying with it. The residents can help themselves by taking as much as they can out of the trash. That's an attainable goal, although he can't put a dollar figure on it. The paper and cardboard should come out of the trash. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he couldn't agree more. Craig Siegfried, East Moreland Avenue, stated that the majority of the people on his street do recycle. His problem is in the past two weeks, on

November 11th it was a holiday and people stuck their trash out. He pulled it in but on Wednesday, the trash that was left at the curb was being picked up the next day. It shouldn't have been picked up because it's not the regular pick-up day. Since November 18th he has had two piles of branches that haven't been picked up. At times he sees the branches going into the trash truck and other times it goes in with the leaves. He thought the branches were recyclable with the leaves. He doesn't understand why he will have to pay more for trash removal when he can't even get it picked up at his house. Councilperson Acker stated that he can't answer why it wasn't picked up because he is not on the back of the trash truck each day. Craig Siegfried stated that they should be paid to do something else, not pick-up trash on days that are not normal pick-up days. Councilperson Acker stated that people do indeed put out their trash by mistake and then there should be a double pick-up on the next regularly scheduled day. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked Borough Manager Pantano if he knew why it happened like that. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it was a policy that developed from people complaining that their trash was not picked up the day after a holiday. Craig Siegfried stated that it is noted that it will be picked up on the next regular trash day on the cable channel. Borough Manager Pantano stated that so many people complained to Council people that they were outraged that their trash wasn't picked up the next day. When Public Works had the opportunity on the next day, if the load wasn't too heavy, they would pick it up. He added that inevitably people would leave the trash out and it would blow around and then Public Works would have to spend the time picking it up anyway. He reiterated that it was developed over the years because of the residents complaining about the issue. He has no problem whatsoever stopping that policy today but he reminded the residents to remember that the next time it's a windy day after the holiday and your neighbor put out their trash and now everything is a mess and you call a councilperson about it. Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, stated that they should be cited for having their trash out. Craig Siegfried reiterated that if they are done early enough that they can be going up and down roads looking for people who did not follow the ordinance, then they should be send out to do something else productive in their extra time. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we can't make efficiency improvements in the next month and a half but we do need to look at them and study them to see that our personnel are being used in their most efficient manner. He stated that sometimes he sees Public Works employees, including Superintendent Stauch, answering phones in the office and maybe we need to transfer someone from there. When he talked about the attrition with a clerk, he wasn't talking about firing anybody but maybe they could help out with some of the work from the office if they are on the nightshift and they are bored because you need someone to watch the prisoners. He added that we can't just say 3%, 4%, we'll pay for everything, etc. and lock ourselves into that. He asked Borough Manager Pantano to calculate 2% raises across the board and look at some kind of minimum contribution. Borough Manager Pantano said you are going to budget that before negotiations and asked how he could do that. Councilperson Acker asked who that was in reference to. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is talking about everyone except for the Police. Councilperson Acker stated that they are starting Public Works negotiations and they could negotiate that but he doesn't think it's something to budget for. Councilperson Polaneczky asked about the people that aren't covered by Public Works. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it would not make a big difference in a $100,000 deficit. Ed Moll, Academy Road, stated that they were told to sharpen their pencils and their negative attitudes are not getting us anywhere. He added that it's the little things that add up and they might not just find a windfall. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they have gone over these numbers for six months. Ed Moll stated that the employees should be asked for suggestions for how to be more efficient as this is serious stuff. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it is very serious and he takes it as an insult to staff of this Borough to think that you would insinuate that it's taken less than seriously. He added that this is our livelihoods here. Ed Moll asked what his comment about it not making a big difference was supposed to mean then. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it meant that they already went through, item by item, and spent hours and hours and days and days to see what they could do to reduce the budget and the expenditures. He thinks they have all done a good job and recommended that people look at the budget today compared to the budget of five years ago. There are expenditures that go up and there is nothing you can do about certain things. They are criticizing Council for not cutting healthcare benefits but we cannot cut health coverage right now.

We have a contract with the Police and a status quo contract with the Public Works department therefore we can't touch their salaries or their healthcare benefits. Ed Moll stated that they understand that but are they looking into the future? Borough Manager Pantano said they absolutely look at the future. A resident asked if when they are negotiating with Public Works if they can put in there that they will have to pay for some of their health insurance because nobody gets a free ride anymore. Borough Manager Pantano said absolutely and they have been trying to negotiate with Public Works for over a year now but there are a lot of legal and technical difficulties with creating a new union, establishing who is supposed to be in that union, and then negotiating. Until that is established they will remain status quo. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we can budget for where we think it's going to be along with those employees that are not covered under a contract, starting with Borough Manager Pantano. Vice President Zygmont stated that she would at least like to see the numbers on 2%. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he knows how much time he spent on it with staff and other council members. As a citizen, he is willing to have once-a-week trash pick-up. Councilperson Polaneczky explained that he is a CPA with a college degree and has been in the business for seventeen years. He got a 0% increase in 2002 and 2% in 2003 therefore he is not begrudging that they got 3% but is thinking that maybe 2% isn't that bad. He added that he does not have to co-pay for his insurance but they only cover single. Therefore, any family members have to be paid for additionally. He has had three cards in two years and he went from a $5 co-pay to $10 to $15 and it is just set on his desk. That's the way it happens with Councilperson Acker as well. He stated that if it's budgeted in and they don't like it then maybe we lose negotiations. Craig Siegfried stated that he's been on disability for five years for a work related injury. He hasn't received a raise in five years yet his takes keep going up.

Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, stated that he is hearing a lot of bickering back and forth about a **$97,000 deficit**. He does not think they will find the money as one large item or as a magical grant. It's $21,000 if Council forgoes their salary, or even $10,000 if they work for ½ salary. Council needs to look at long-range planning and ask themselves how does what is done to this year's budget effect next year's budget and the budget five years from now. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that they have discussed that, especially with the MMO but the problem is the 15% increase in health insurance. Bill Tompkins asked what **once-a-week trash collection** would save. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there are at least two municipalities that have tried it and they both said it did not save them any money so they went back to twice-a-week trash collection. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we have had two studies in the past ten years. One recommended that we go with a single-man truck with the arm to puck up the cans. Some say it will save money and others say it won't save money. He added that the only way that he sees us becoming efficient is to not give the carte blanche raises. He stated that he has no problem asking for a co-pay on some of the health insurances, which cost $16-17,000 per year, per family.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if we have the best **telephone plan**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that it was the best when he last looked at it. He receives calls every couple of months and you can't be changing every three or four months. He has changed at least twice since he has been here. Vice President Zygmont stated that the telephone bills are outrageous. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that we should look into combining walkie-talkies, telephones, and pagers. He previously talked about the phone system at the Public Works building in lieu of the fact that everyone seems to have a Nextel.

COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that the place, in the budget, which stands out to him is **service to the business community**. It's $7,500 for extra time for the police and $13,000 for public works. A big chunk of that is the car show and hanging banners up and down York Road for all of the special events. People have to realize that the Police and Public Works employees are being paid to do that stuff. Councilperson Taggart doesn't think that's fair to the taxpayers. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he is talking about $20,000 and he asked how much of that is reimbursed for these events. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the circus is the only one that is reimbursed. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if they had to reimburse

us when they filled out the event forms. Councilperson Taggart stated that they only pay for the Fire Police. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it's in miscellaneous revenue. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we only get about $5,000 from the circus reimbursements. Councilperson Taggart stated that the events are great but it's a lot to spend. He thinks the people hosting the events should be responsible for some of the costs. The car show is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and if they are sponsoring it then they should pay the cost. As a result of the car show, a lot of the local businesses have Christmas in July and maybe they can contribute to the costs, instead of passing all of the expenses onto the taxpayers. Given today's budget, it's a lot to ask the taxpayers for. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how hard it would be to assess the costs related to those events. CHIEF GARDNER stated that it's easy. FOREMAN THOMAS stated that it's done every year.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he is most interested in that **landfill charge**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if the problem with that would be that we are taxes on fees from the prior year's collections. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that they bill us based on what we actually dump. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that the major expense in trash is disposal and it costs us $83 per ton to dispose of trash. Glass and bottles only cost us $25 per ton therefore every ton of glass we save $58. We receive $20-25 per ton to recycle the newspapers and papers so there we would be making money. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that what the people need to hear is what qualifies for newspaper and paper. He ask if glossy paper would be included or a magazine. Councilperson Taggart stated that the wax food containers cannot be included. He spoke to Foreman Thomas and asked him to have the recycling truck drive count the number of stops that he made. He meant to call Judy Emig to get the actual number of households in the Borough but the preliminary numbers show that only about 27% of the residents are recycling. Councilperson Taggart stated that his business is in Abington and he's not sure what the township did but on recycling day, every house on the street has a container out there. Councilperson Acker stated that it's enforcement. He stated that there will always be a percentage that comply and a percentage that simply won't unless there are penalties. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we have to list the rules. Councilperson Acker reminded everyone that this is a place where we can all help ourselves. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he needs to know what the rules are. Councilperson Taggart stated that it's on the cable channel. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we need to educate the people and it will force us to enforce the rules. Councilperson Acker stated that if people don't follow through then we will have to put a sticker on their trash. Craig Siegfried suggested that they get one warning, which would be kept on file, and the next time they don't recycle then you cite them. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we have to look into all of this as well as the recycling of plastics to see if it's cost effective.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY reiterated Councilperson Younglove's idea of cutting **Council's salaries**. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that that is an easy thing to say on your way out of Council. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he likes the idea as well. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that he is willing to forgo his wages if Councilperson Polaneczky and Councilperson Younglove are willing to reimburse the past years that they have served. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he proposed this a few years ago and no one went for it. Councilperson Taggart stated that it didn't pass then and he doesn't think it will pass now. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that some townships do pay and some townships don't pay and in Bucks County they pay for the supervisors health insurance but they only have three. Bill Tompkins stated that Council could optionally give up their salaries and then that would tell who wants to contribute and who doesn't. Councilperson Polaneczky would like to discuss a percentage cut in Council's wages.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that we have assess our **capital projects**. If we can afford to do them then we should but if we can't then we don't. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if he meant saving on maintenance and cutting some of the small capital items in the operating budget. President Clark stated that we have beautiful streets and a beautiful community and he would hate

to see some of these things starting to decay, which can happen if you don't service your streets and your capital items. The town could take on a blow that we don't want to see but you could save money that way.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that she would like an **October budget**. She stated that it would help her seeing in this budget where the numbers stand. She stated that she would like it by next week. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he doesn't think they will have it next week because Bookkeeper Cannon had a lot of trouble reconciling when we were changing from Willow Grove Bank to Commerce Bank and she was struggling to get September done. Vice President Zygmont stated that the last time she spoke to Bookkeeper Cannon she didn't have September closed out yet. Borough Manager Pantano stated that that was what he was saying. Vice President Zygmont stated that it would be nice to have because some of the numbers in the actual line are not the numbers where we actually stand. She would like to see numbers with a **2% increase** instead of 3%. She would also like to take a look at the **minor supplies** and **minor equipment**. She went through that herself and cut out $500 here and $1,000 there and came up with an additional $12,000. She would like to know what **administration overtime** is in the office because that is not a separate line item. She thinks we need to look at our **telephone bills**. She has already taken $2,000-2,500 out of the **pool budget** but will revisit it to see if there is more to cut out. She would like to have the actual numbers because we are in November and still receiving chemical bills.

COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that he thinks they have come up with some great ideas and he would like to add in the idea of the **Earned Income Tax**. He knows that Zoning Officer Heller is working on the rental units and the Earned Income Tax is an untapped resource. He mentioned that Berkheimer can only be as good as the information we give them. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked what we could conservatively squeeze out of that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we are already being conservative to begin with because we have only assumed that there will be thirty employees at the old Conti building. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained that he took half of the loss and budgeted that in. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they have neighboring municipalities enacted so we had about $200,000 and we banked at $120,000 less. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that other municipalities, such as Abington and Lower Moreland didn't have the Earned Income Tax. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is going to ask that the resolution, about the **Sterling Act**, be put on the agenda at the next committee meeting because we take a hit on that. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that it's an ordinance not a resolution. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Zoning Officer Heller if he would be able to get out all of the **rental registrations**. ZONING OFFICER HELLER stated that all of mailings for the rental registrations have gone out. He mentioned that this only tells us the primary owner of the property; it doesn't list everyone residing at the property. The ordinance that's already in place, if it was enforced again, would tell us everyone that's in the dwelling and their ages. He doesn't know how long it would take to get it online to get it going. There could be an increase but there is no way to know. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Judy Emig if she could tell if a property is owner occupied or rented out. JUDY EMIG said yes. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we could send out a questionnaire with the tax bill to tell us who their tenants are. If they do not return the questionnaire then we could follow up then cite them with a fine. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that it's a $300 fine. He asked if they were due on December 15th. Zoning Officer Heller said yes, if we went back to the standing ordinance. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the letters were sent out to the landlords with the December 15th deadline. Zoning Officer Heller stated that the rental registrations went out. We haven't done anything with the old ordinance that wasn't being enforced yet. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if that's the one that states that they have to provide us with the names of their tenants on an annual basis. Zoning Officer Heller said yes. He explained that when we get back all of the rental registrations then we will have a clear copy of the properties in the Borough that are being rented out. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that he thinks we already have that through Judy Emig. Judy Emig stated that everything is done through County Land Use Code, which is what Zoning Officer Heller is using. Every parcel in the Borough is keyed with a land use code. CHUCK McELROY stated that Upper Moreland tracks it through the driver's

licenses as well. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Upper Moreland enforces it very heavily. JUDY EMIG explained that Upper Moreland buys the State Income Tax tapes which is why they are so good at enforcing it. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we don't know what Berkheimer does or how they find out that information. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that Berkheimer stated in their presentation that they go by State Taxes. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that they go by the school district census. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how soon that magnetic media is available because by definition rental occupancy is transient occupancy. Judy Emig stated that its yearly. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that based on the old ordinance, we can send out the request and tell them that if they don't comply then they will be cited a $300 fine. He added that if we find ten people that earn $27,000, our average, then that's $2,700.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he heard a lot of great ideas from residents and his fellow council people. He thinks this session was very constructive. He would like to see the effects of a **2% increase**. He would also like to see the effect of requiring a co-payment if you have above and beyond your own **health insurance**. He would also be interested in seeing it as a reduced amount that employees could contribute towards their premium. If you have single then it would $10, single with child $15, and the family could be $20. He believes this is the only way for employees to understand the skyrocketing cost of the health insurance. The employees need to see that their own contributions will go up by 15% as well. He would also like to look into higher co-pays. He would like to even look at it for management and non-union at this point and then try to negotiate it a small amount into the Public Works and Police contracts. He doesn't think that $10 or $20 per month is too much to ask when it will be a $20,000 premium by the time the Police contract comes up. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that a lot of these issues are a part of an evolutionary process. He knows that many years ago when people started their jobs, the benefits were automatic. Within the past two years, since the stock market took such a hit, companies are starting to move away from the defined benefits programs and them went to 401K's with a 3% match. He added that in times to come, you are going to see changes because people are becoming extremely aware of the expenses with maintaining the benefits program of the past. In the future it will be cost-prohibitive to do this. He believes that in the future the municipalities and the state will start moving away from the defined benefits. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that if we charged the non-union employees then it would come to about $90 per month. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how he came up with that number and asked which six employees he included. Councilperson Taggart said he included Borough Manager Pantano, Superintendent Stauch, Diane Valesky, Colleen Cannon, Dave Berry, and Ed Horin. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if Chief Gardner had insurance through us. CHIEF GARDNER stated that he has insurance. Councilperson Taggart explained that he believes Chief Gardner, under Civil Service regulations, is covered by the Police contract. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he's not sure that that's true. Councilperson Taggart stated that we can't have a different policy for these six employees, another one for Public Works, and yet another police for the Police. You are limited under the amount of plans that you are allowed to have. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that that is if we stick with Keystone. Councilperson Taggart stated that we have endless possibilities with health plans but we have to get into the negotiations to bring them up. The Public Works contract is held up in litigation. Since they are currently "status quo" we cannot legally change anything from their previous contract. Therefore our hands are tied until we can get into negotiations. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we have to budget something. He stated that if we want to budget at status quo then we can take all of the raises out of the budget but we know at some point, the contract will be settled next year so we have to figure out where we will be. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Borough Manager Pantano if we have decided to advertise this with **no tax increase**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he's waiting for Council to tell him what to advertise. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he thinks we talked about this and we decided to advertise it to be adopted. Borough Manager Pantano stated that that was based on everybody agreeing to the parameters that were set two weeks ago which have apparently all changed tonight. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they haven't changed in that respect. Borough Manager Pantano stated that they absolutely have. Councilperson Polaneczky asked how they have changed since two weeks ago when we talked about increasing the trash fee.

If we don't increase the trash fee, or if we do increase it, it doesn't require a different ordinance for the tax. Borough Manager Pantano stated that that is correct if they continue to stick with the trash fee. Councilperson Polaneczky thinks if there is going to be any increase, because this can't be pared down, then it will be trash fees. Therefore we can advertise the budget at no mil increase and then try to pare it down with the ideas from tonight and add any increase to the trash fee. Councilperson Taggart stated that personally he has no problem trying to pare the budget down. He is concerned that we are trying to get too precise and we are trying to pare it down too much. If things don't come out perfectly next year, for instance we have an extra snowfall or something, then we have no cushion and we will have a larger deficit for next year. He stated that the idea of having Hatboro having very little or no debt is great. Likewise, keeping the taxes and the trash fees as low as possible is also great, however, he's concerned with the long-term effects of cutting it so close. We already know that in 2005 the **MMO** is considerably increasing. Therefore before we even figure in the salary and health insurance increases for next year, we are already looking at a bigger deficit then we are this year. In his opinion, he would like to prepare for that. He would rather have a little now and a little next year instead of very little this year and a lot next year.

A resident stated that she is looking at the **projected 2003 budget** and there is an extra $160,000. She asked where that money goes to. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that that was a projection based in September hoping that the full Earned Income Tax comes in. Typically it might come in at half that. If there is any additional money then it goes toward the deficit that occurred previous years. About three or four years ago we were in a $300-400,000 deficit and every year we have been chopping away at that with the excess funds at the end of the year. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that currently it's about $75,000 in excess funds at this point. The misnomer about that is that a portion of that is a grant that was given to Main Street. That grant had about $60,000 reserved in it. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the problem with the way the budget was calculated is that it takes all funds, not just any balance note from a project fund. It takes all of the escrow accounts, the $100,000 from Commerce Bank was put away for the traffic lights on York Road. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we are probably about $90,000 below since $100,000 has to be set aside for the lights on York Road and another $70,000 for the settlement for Carr & Duff. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT thought that a part of the Carr & Duff settlement was paid by the Authority. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that a portion of it was. Vice President Zygmont asked if in the current budget there is still **6%** for Public Works since that was initially what was put in there. Councilperson Polaneczky said no it was amended and he thinks it will be discussed during executive session. He wouldn't, however, be opposed to budgeting Public Works, office employees, and management personnel at a **2% increase**.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked if we couldn't pare it down with the ideas mentioned tonight and we had to go with a **trash fee increase** then who would not be subject to the increase. He stated that a fifty unit apartment complex would not see a Real Estate Tax increase and the trash is not increased because it's collected from an outside source then it's a free ride this year. A business in town, which does not use Borough trash collection, will not have a trash increase either. The person that is ninety-seven and gets $800 per month social security will have a trash increase. He feels that if there is an increase then everyone should have to pay, not just the people who have their trash collected by the Borough. JUDY EMIG stated that every property owner has to pay a waste generation fee, even if they have it collected by another entity. Bill Tompkins stated that that money goes to the County and not to the Borough. Judy Emig agreed. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that last year the businesses had a trash fee increase. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it was two years ago.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked Solicitor Meyer to enlighten everyone on what we found out about the **Per Capita Tax** and if there were any exclusions from the Per Capita Tax. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that the Per Capita Tax came about when Council adopted an ordinance about the **Earned Income Tax**. There was also a **Nuisance Tax**. Council didn't decide to avoid or discontinue the Per Capita Tax, they just chose not to collect it. Therefore the ordinance that we had, despite the date of it, is still in place. We can decide whether or not you

want to collect it or not. It's the same with the Nuisance Tax which is currently $10 and if you pay it early then you get a $0.20 discount. He believes that servicemen and people of certain ages don't have to pay. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that in Warminster Township they receive a discount on the **Real Estate Taxes** if they are over sixty-five. If they are excluded from the Per Capita Tax then it hits the renters, which is much more fair. Solicitor Meyer stated that the ordinance says eighteen years of age or over, there is an annual tax of $10. Senior citizens, over the age of sixty-five, whose gross income from all sources does not exceed $3,200, are exempt. Individuals serving in the Armed Forces are also exempt. That was adopted in 1985. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Judy Emig how many individuals, in the Borough, would be effected by this. JUDY EMIG said she was not sure exactly how many. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he went back and looked at the last several years that we collected the tax and it was about $42-43,000 per year. Solicitor Meyer stated that it's just a matter of collecting it. We decided that it was a Nuisance Tax. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that the $10 per person between eighteen and sixty-five is a lot fairer. Bill Tompkins asked how much it cost to collect it. Judy Emig stated that collecting the Per Capita Tax takes more time and effort than any Real Estate Tax or Earned Income Tax. She added that they will be hit with pages and pages of exemption lists. Judy Emig reiterated that people did not like receiving it the same time as their Real Estate Tax bill, which is what we did to save the postage. Bill Tompkins stated that he hears what they are saying about the tax increase being fairer than a trash fee increase. He wonders if you took it a step further and advertised a tax increase, like 2% or 3% or 5%, and whatever can be pared down would come back out of the trash fee. Then, in theory, it's revenue neutral or tax neutral to the residents. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it also makes the Real Estate Tax a deductible as an itemized deduction. Bill Tompkins stated that the trash fee increase is not effecting the businesses because the commercial fees are not going up and it is not effecting renters.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if 0.3 mils netted us $42+. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that 0.3 mils would probably give us about $100,000. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if he was sure about that. Borough Manager Pantano stated that a mil is about $350-360,000. He added that when we first started talking we talked about a $20 **trash fee increase** and a 0.16 **mil increase** to cover the deficit. Then that was switched to a $35-40 trash fee increase, which revenue wise is about equivalent. Councilperson Polaneczky asked Council if they would all be in agreement to advertise the increase that is necessary to come up with $40 per year. Borough Manager Pantano stated that a $40 increase will still leave us with a $25,000 deficit. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that that would be for the $35 increase, and at $40 per year it would be about $13,500. Borough Manager Pantano apologized. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if Council would be in agreement to have Borough Manager Pantano advertise the necessary mil increase to equal the $45 trash fee increase. Borough Manager Pantano added that then there would be no trash fee increase. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they would go through the expenses and knock down some of the expenses. Then take that number and divide it by the number of residential trash fee users and then knock the trash fee down by that much. He stated that the problem is that the mil increase has to be advertised so we can vote on it at the December 15th meeting. Borough Manager Pantano stated that ordinances need to be advertised twice, a week apart, including one week before the meeting. Councilperson Polaneczky summarized that they will advertise for the mils needed to come up with $97,000. We will look at the expenses by the end of this week and he will put something in the packets by this weekend, where we can look at reducing some of the items and the corresponding trash fee decrease. Then there would be one net number about the projected tax increase and the trash fee decrease. Council unanimously agreed to advertising this.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that there are some **capital budget items** that they will go through. After consulting with John Zygmont, Treasurer of the Authority, they should have about $120,000 to provide for 2004 from the interest from the sale of the Water Authority. We can purchase capital items with this money. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he knows he contacted Commerce Bank but wonders if Borough Manager contacted the other banks as well.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he talked to Willow Grove and Wachovia. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they are talking about leveraging the principal so that the principal, of the Authority, is put to use to get cash for capital projects The projects may include improvements to the Loller Building, the firehouse, the bell tower, and the pool That way we would have the money to match any grants we might receive. He added that that would be about $120,000 per year to pay back so we will need to discuss what we will do with the capital budget for this year. Bill Tompkins stated that he is talking about leveraging the Water Authority money and paying it back with interest that is currently generated by that money. He asked what is currently being done with that money and what would we be giving up out of future budgets if we do it that way. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it's a delicate line. Since the interest rates are so low right now they are locked into certain rates and certain CD's. Long-range rates are not great at this point and what generates $120,000 this year may generate more in future years. We have to figure out what they are willing to pay back in payments, divide that by twelve, and figure out what we can borrow at this point. That's what we have the banks working on.

RICH LEFEBVRE asked about the status of the **Fire Company audit**. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that they saw a bill for the audit in the manual list. He spoke to the man today and he and Borough Manager Pantano are faxing the representation letter. He asked Rich Lefebvre is they signed their representation letter. Rich Lefebvre stated that they signed whatever they were given. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he will ask them where the Fire Company statement is tomorrow and he asked how many bound copies they would want. Rich Lefebvre said five or six.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident asked where he could get a copy of the **Council rules and regulations**. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that they could buy a copy of the Borough Code and Roberts Rules. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the resident got a copy if he could give her one because she has not seen it. COUNCILPERSON POLANECKZY stated that the resident might be talking more about internal control policies such as how to approve things which we should be able to get from our auditors who are required to establish an understanding of our system. He added that he will also ask the auditors about that tomorrow morning. The resident stated that he would e-mail Councilperson Polaneczky.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clark then adjourned the November Council meeting at 10:19 p.m. He stated that there would be a brief executive session, regarding legal matters, this evening.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
HATBORO, PA 19040

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Month: November, 2003

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	31	411
Tons of Trash	232.96	2,899.51
Street Opening Permits	0	19
Street Opening Fees Collected	0	$1,887.69
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	6	79
Sidewalk/Curb Permit Fees Collected	$ 295	$3,365
Large Article Pick-up Stops	31	571
Amount of Large Articles Picked Up	59	1,155
Newspaper Tonnage	29.84	267.48
Grass/Leaves Tonnage	139.73	529.42
Recycled Glass/Cans Tonnage	9.38	139.97
Tires Recycled and Cost		$687.00
Recycles- Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of Above		

Remarks:

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

3-Nov

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0	6 1		13 9	5.2	18 9	6 3		
	4 4		12.1	9 4	18 4	8 7		
	9 2		2.5	7 8		9 2		
	4 8		9 8	6.4		6 8		
	7 4		8 2	5.2		6		
	5.1		3.7			5.4		
	5 6		10.5			5.7		
	7.5		13.2			4		
	12.5		5.2			8.6		
	3.6		13.7			16.3		
	3.4		9.3					
	6.4		9.7					
	4.4		9.9					
	9.8		7.7					
	4.1							
	10.1							
	9.7							
	9.7							
	5.3							
0	129.1	0	129.4	34	37.3	77	0	406.8

Total Gasoline 406.8

at 1.05 gal = $427.14

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

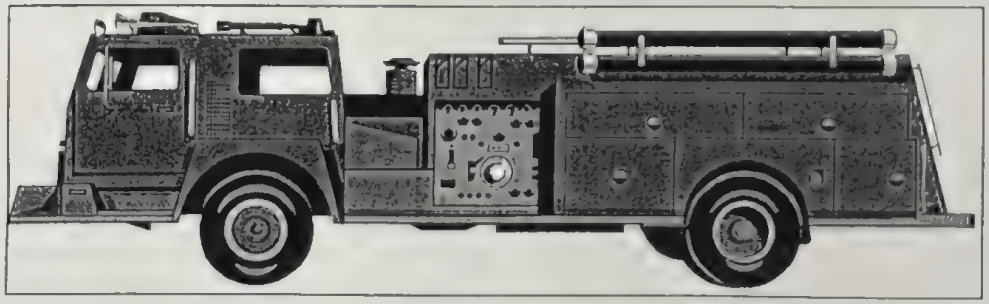
Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

															3-Nov
35-D															0
36-D	16.8	34.5													
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	16.8	34.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.3

TOTAL DIESEL	51.3
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	46.68

34-G	26.4														
38-G															
39-G															
40-G	16.4														
46-G															
TOTAL	42.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.80

TOTAL GAS	42.80
GAS @ $1.05 A GALLON	44.94



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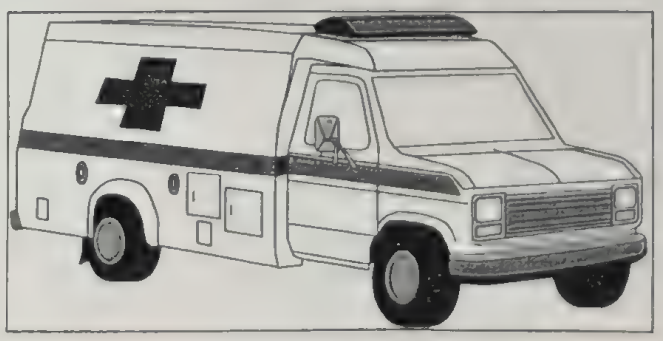
32-G															0	
33-G															0	0
31D															0	
30-D	13.1	16													29.1	29.1

TOTAL DIESEL	29.1
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	$26.48

TOTAL GASOLINE	0
GASOLINE @ $1.05 A GALLON	$0.00



3-Nov

DIESEL

9-21-D	26.5	24.1	22	27.5	25.5										
11-1-D	25.6														
17-8-D															
18-9-D	34	28.9	35.6												
20-12-D															
21-13-D	26.3	25.3													
26-14-D	28.8														
23-15-D	35														
24-16-D	26.2	23.4	38.8	24											
25-17-D	3.2														
30-M-D															
43-2-D															
44-D															
TOTALS	205.6	101.7	96.4	51.5	25.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	480.7

GASOLINE

13-3-G	28.5														
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	18.7	13.9													
16-7-G	21.9														
19-11-G															
27-20-G	14.9														
28-59-G															
29-M-G	5.5	28.8													
42-24-G															
47-G															
48-G															
49-G															
50-G															
TOTALS	89.5	42.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132.2

GASOLINE	132.2
$1.05 A GALLON	138.81

DIESEL	480.7
$.91 A GALLON	437.44

NORTH BOROUGH PARKING LOT MONTH & YEAR 3-Nov

PARKING VIOLATION

DATE	TIME	TICKET NUMBER	LICENCE NUMBER	MAKE & COLOR	WIN	LOST	METER
11/5/2003	13.07		HLYWIAK	SATURN			NOSPACE
11/18/2003	13.12		DZZ-3166	PONTIAC			26
11/18/2003	13.12		FHJ-5597	CHEV			17
11/18/2003	13.12		DXW-0994	MERCURY			42

	YEAR	$530.00
	MONTH	$20.00
	YEAR	$550.00

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHALL

414 SOUTH YORK ROAD
HATBORO, PA 19040

MONTHLY FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

Month of : November 2003

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Inspections	25	235
Re-inspections	3	19
Fire Investigations	5	55
Special Service	3	42
Fire Reports Issued	0	7
Permits Issued	2	22
Permit Fees Collected	$175	$975
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	$175
Inspection Fees Collected	$653	$8,206
Miscellaneous Fees Collected		$1,475.25
Total Fees Collected	$828	$10,831.25

Remarks:
U & O Inspections 4 to date 47 Fees $1,200 to date $15,370 Reinspt to date 4

Times	Investigations	Inspections	Special Service	Total
Stauch	1.45	4.10	29.00	34.55
Thomas	0.00	1.45	29.00	30.45
Reading	0.00	2.15	2.00	4.15
Totals	1.45	8.10	60.00	69.55

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 15, 2003

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilpersons Acker, Ehrsam, Polaneczky, Younglove, and Taggart, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, and Borough Manager Pantano.

ABSENT
Treasurer McKean.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **November minutes**. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK recognized the three councilmen who are leaving. He thanked **Councilman Ehrsam** for his work with public works and the time that he invested. He also thanked him for his comments. President Clark then thanked **Councilman Polaneczky**. He thanked him for all of his work, interest, and expertise in budgets, figures, and in doing what he does the best. President Clark recognized the many years that **Councilman Younglove** gave to the Borough of Hatboro and Council as well as his years of serving as president. He said serving as president is an interesting role, which is sometimes lonely and often rewarding. Councilman Younglove was with council from 1992 until 2003 and certainly left his mark on the Borough. President Clark stated that he will miss Councilman Younglove personally. President Clark presented each of the councilmen with a certificate of appreciation.

PRESIDENT CLARK made some comments about the **budget**, which is on tonight's agenda. He stated that the budget is a guide or a plan and is certainly not a perfect instrument. They tried to do a good job in preparing the budget. They looked at the budget to determine where it could be trimmed to bring it into line. Along with many other communities, we have been hit very hard with assessment reductions and less than we expected with earned income tax because of other boroughs enacting an earned income tax. President Clark reported that this particular council sat through a marathon budget session a few months ago. They looked at the budget and performed a surgery, whereby they removed what they could and kept in what was absolutely necessary in order to make this community viable, attractive, and a good place to live. President Clark thanked Chief Gardner, Superintendent Stauch, Fire Chief Zollers, and the Fire Board for preparing very realistic budget requests. He added that there is nothing out of line and what they gave to Council in terms of material back up and reasons why they needed these items shows forethought on their part. He thanked them for their time devoted to the budgeting process. President Clark stated that everyone knows that budgets can separate families, money can separate friends and a lot of people in a lot of different ways. To finally pass a budget tonight will leave some folks very happy and other folks less than happy. Everyone should know that everyone on council participated and devoted a lot of time, talent, skills, and energy into this instrument. He noted that they have done the best they can in the interest of the Borough and every citizen in this community.

PRESIDENT CLARK sent **condolences**, on behalf of Council, to Vice President Zygmont on the death of her father.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he had a very brief report tonight. He reported on the **Commerce Bank project**. He stated that it's finalized. We were holding their letter of credit because there were a few outstanding punch-list items. The major concern was the traffic light at the corner of York and Lehman. That has been completed to the satisfaction of both the Borough and Penndot. He just received the sign-off from Penndot in the mail. Tonight he asks that Council authorize Borough Manager Pantano to release their letter of credit, which we are holding for the completed public improvements. Some of the final improvements have not yet been inspected by the engineers therefore he would ask that Council authorize releasing the letter of credit pending the release he will receive from the engineers verifying that all of the final punch-list items are finalized.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council is aware of the **Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement**. They provide cable services for the Borough and that Agreement expires in 2004. He has received some correspondence from Comcast asking that we get together to begin the renewal process. He forwarded the Agreement, through his report, to Solicitor Meyer so he can review it. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we will go forward with meeting the people from Comcast to negotiate the new Franchise Agreement. He encouraged Council to forward any questions, comments, or concerns to him so he can address them with Comcast representatives.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that every so often we need to update our **Borough Code of Ordinances Books** in order to include all of the past ordinances that were codified. He met with the people who did the codification last time and they gave him a price. It was most recently codified in 1996. They would do it for approximately $1,100, which he believes, is a very reasonable price for codification. Borough Manager Pantano has some money left in one of the accounts under governing body therefore, providing Council has no objections, he would like to move forward with getting those ordinances, which are not in the book, codified and incorporated into the book.

PRIVILEDGE OF THE FLOOR

Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, wanted to comment on some of the items, which appear under Administration, including the **Sewer Authority**. He stated that he is a little bit confused because he thought that everything had to be discussed at a committee meeting and then brought into Council. He asked if there was a reason for rushing this item. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he recalled mentioning this at the last committee meeting. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he believes that we received notice of the need for this resolution and for whatever reason it did not get placed on the agenda for public discussion at the committee meeting. He does not think there was a specific purpose for not having it on the agenda, rather it was an oversight. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that the reason it is being rushed is because today it will expire after fifty-years. Therefore, because of whatever happened, this had to come up tonight because the Authority needs to have a resolution passed so they can continue their existence. Bill Tompkins asked if there would be an opportunity for public discussion once this item is presented. President Clark said yes. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT clarified that in this resolution we are only giving them a year.

Ron Battis, East Moreland Avenue, asked what the **capital expenditures** for 2004 were. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that it would be covered under the budget portion of tonight's meeting. Ron Battis wished everyone happy holidays. He knows that Council works very hard and he appreciates everyone that comes out to the meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Treasurer McKean would submit his report tomorrow morning (see attached). He added that Treasurer McKean was expecting to be in attendance, however, something came up at the last minute.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the **bills** and **manual check list**. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked why all of the November **PECO bills** are not on the list. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said he didn't know and he would have to ask Bookkeeper Cannon about that. He guessed that either she didn't receive them in time or she has a dispute with them. If PECO does an estimation then she won't pay the bill until they actually read the meter. That could one of the possibilities. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAYOR CELANO wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
SOLICITOR MEYER continues to speak with representatives from **Exxon Mobil** regarding the Access Indemnity Agreement to permit Exxon Mobil to install monitoring wells of contaminated water under borough property.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared and ordinance and resolution to extend the existence of the **Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority** for the period of one-year. The ordinance was submitted to a local newspaper, however, it took them about ten-days to receive it. Therefore we won't be able to pass the ordinance but we can pass the resolution as requested by the Sewer Authority. The resolution will comply with their needs to continue in existence.

SOLICITOR MEYER continues to receive copies of appeal from the **Board of Assessment Appeal**.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared the **Tax Anticipation Note** for 2004.

SOLICITOR MEYER extended well wishes to Councilperson Polaneczky and Councilperson Ehrsam. He also extended well wishes to Councilperson Younglove for his many years of service as president and otherwise. He did a fantastic job.

SOLICITOR MEYER wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT
CHIEF GARDNER wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

CHIEF GARDNER stated that the police department received training on the latest **D.U.I. law**. The legal limit has been dropped from 0.10 to 0.08 throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are other changes in the law as well. Many of the provisions, not including the 0.08, are going into effect in February. The other provisions don't really involve police enforcement, rather they effect the mandatory sentencing provisions for D.U.I. offenders. The officers have been given copies of the new law as well as enforcement strategies on the D.U.I. law.

CHIEF GARDNER stated that the police department received a kit from Project Child-Safe, which is a program sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the U.S. Department of Justice. The police department has about one hundred **child-safe gun safety kits** that are free for distribution to any gun owner who would like the kit. The kit includes a brochure on firearms safety as well as a cable lock that fits most models of handguns, shotguns, and rifles. The project is basically designed with the goal of preventing a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing someone else's firearm. These are available at the police station. There is no documentation as to who receives them, which was a previous concern. There are one hundred of the kits right now and if the program goes well, he can probably obtain more. Chief Gardner reported that Hatboro has issues involving firearms. One incident this year was when a child took

a gun from home and actually pointed it at someone. That gun was not locked and was easily accessible. He believes anything we can do to increase safety of legal gun ownership is a good idea.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached. Fire Marshal Stauch wished everyone happy holidays.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report, in advance, which is attached.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 2003-14**. This resolution prolongs the existence of the **Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority** for one-year. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it was upsetting to have to find out from people on the street that we were meeting with Upper Moreland and that we were planning on selling the Sewer Authority. She mentioned that this is something that should have been discussed with all of council. President Clark stated that it may have been discussed at the point when Vice President Zygmont was out of town. Vice President Zygmont stated that she should have at least received a phone call. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY asked if President Clark could keep the audience informed as to the future plans for the Sewer Authority. Councilperson Younglove asked if Upper Moreland passed a similar resolution. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said yes. Vice President Zygmont stated that members of council already met about this before she initially heard of it and that was what was so upsetting. Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, stated that he is concerned that the one-year time limit is forcing council into the sale of the Sewer Authority. President Clark stated that one-year was allotted to consider the feasibility study to look at all of the aspects and operations, which make up the Sewer Authority. There was no specific discussion to sell the Sewer Authority, rather they want to assess and evaluate. Bill Tompkins asked when this would be discussed again. President Clark stated that there would probably be discussion throughout the year. Bill Tompkins asked if it would be discussed out in the open and not during executive session. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that it's the Joint Sewer Authority therefore Upper Moreland will be doing the same thing. This way, the options can be assessed. With the existence potentially expiring, this is the chance to look at all of the options. One option might be to leave it alone for another decade. Another option could be to have someone else overtake the management of it, while another option might be to sell it. They are large decisions to make quickly therefore it was determined that allowing one-year to review the options would be a better decision. He added that if one-year is not enough time then they could always extend it another year, until you really analyze it and determine what direction you want to go in. Councilperson Acker stated that right now it is exploratory but it is a joint effort with Upper Moreland. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it should be discussed in the public forum. Merrie Keller, West Monument Avenue, asked if there was a third party involved in this. President Clark stated that it's Upper Moreland and Hatboro. Merrie Keller asked if Philadelphia Suburban had anything to do with this. Councilperson Acker stated that it's just the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority. He added that Horsham may be somewhat involved but he's not sure of that. Merrie Keller again asked if there was anyone else involved. Councilperson Acker said no. Bruce Hart asked if they were looking at a buyer because everything wants to get sold. He added that they are looking to see if council has a buyer, not because the residents want to sell it but because he is sure that that is council's plan. Councilperson Acker stated that they are not looking for a buyer. President Clark stated that there is no plan at this point. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he thinks Bruce Hart is asking if we have been approached by anybody. Councilperson Acker said no, rather it was brought to their attention that the fifty-year contract was up and we had the opportunity to explore other options or to stay with the same place for another fifty-years. Bruce Hart said it works good. Vice President Zygmont stated that it's affordable. This motion was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 2003-13**, which deals with the **Suburban Tax Fairness Act**. This resolution supports House Bill 1500 and encourages local representatives to vote in support of this. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM asked if we should add Pittsburgh in the resolution. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that we discuss Philadelphia because we don't get our tax refunds back from them. President Clark stated that we don't have anybody in Pittsburgh. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that since this is going to the legislatures he thought it was best to tie Pittsburgh in. He added that the idea is the politic end of it when we are giving it to our legislatures. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if this was the same one that Southampton passed. Borough Manager Pantano said yes. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE stated that he doesn't know that much about Pittsburgh and how their situation is, therefore he would be reluctant to vote on anything having to do with Pittsburgh. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that we are really encouraging State Representative Cornell to support this since it is a House Bill. This motion was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Mr. Polaneczky
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to consider approval of the **2004 Tax Anticipation Note** in the amount of $600,000 at 1.45%. He explained that Borough Manager Pantano reworked the Tax Anticipation Note and he felt a little more comfortable going with $600,000 instead of $500,000. By the time it was figured out it was about $112 in additional interest if we hold it until December 31st. Borough Manager Pantano contacted the low bidder, Commerce Bank, and they agreed to keep the same low interest rate. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the interest rate was 1.45%. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY passed out a handout to Council and the audience (see attached), which shows the impact of the **real estate tax mills/trash fee comparison**. He stated that we spoke at the last committee meeting about the **budget**. The current budget reflects a 1.4 mill increase in property taxes with a reduction of the residential trash fee to $0. The expenditures were revised and we increased the library contribution, from the Borough, to $50,000 per year. This was marginally less than they asked for but will help with offsetting the blow that they received from the State. We also increased the Meals on Wheels contribution seeing that we have a large elderly population and that organization serves them quite well. He's actually amazed at the work they get done and the amount of volunteers that they have. This all resulted in a deficit of $16,014. We adjusted the expenditure for trash by $16,100, which represents approximately 5% of the trash disposal budget. Councilperson Polaneczky explained that that is the money that goes to the County for the trash-to-steam plant. That being said, the budget would be balanced. The handout passed out reflects the information he researched based on President Clark's request of looking into the number of properties above and below the average assessment of $130,000. He added that there are more properties assessed below $130,000. Most of Mitchell Park's assessments are around the average of $130,000 or below. There are also a lot on Jacksonville Road, which are less than $130,000. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there are also areas where the assessments are a little higher than average. He stated that there was misinformation out there that this trash fee was some type of one-time savings and that they would get hit again next year. He then read from the handout. He explained that the older houses will have a savings of about $40. Councilperson Polaneczky explained that the reason that the numbers for 2004 and 2005 are the same is because he can't anticipate whether Council will raise or lower the taxes next year. He stated that he would first take comments from his fellow council people and then take only one comment from each of the audience members. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART stated that he appreciates Councilperson Polaneczky's concept but it just doesn't make sense. He explained that if you fall into the category of $100-160,000 then in most cases Councilperson Polaneczky's plan is beneficial. If anything falls over the $166,000 assessment then they will pay a lot more in taxes. He also noticed that a lot of the townhouses, such as Yorkshire Way, Hatters Court, Drummers Way, and Village Place don't pay a trash fee therefore they will absorb a huge hit on the tax increase. They will not get the benefit of the trash fee reduction, which will impact some of the

lower assessed properties. Councilperson Taggart mentioned that the average assessment on Yorkshire Way is $113,000. Their taxes will increase $158. In addition, looking at the investment properties, he found two properties on East Monument Avenue. One was assessed at $113,740 and we bill him two trash fees. Under Councilperson Polaneczky's proposal his taxes will go up $159 but we will deduct $360 by waiving the trash fee. His taxes alone will go down about $200. The same theory applies to the owner next door. He has three trash fees, which will be waived, his taxes will increase $197 but he will experience a $540 trash fee reduction thereby saving him $343. This is where Councilperson Taggart sees the gaping hole in this plan. The concept of trying to get the business community isn't a bad idea but there are a lot of people who will pay a lot more in taxes. He also added that he, Councilperson Ehrsam, and Councilperson Polaneczky are going to experience no tax increase. That is why he cannot support this budget because their taxes are not going up but President Clark, Vice President Zygmont, Councilperson Acker, and Councilperson Younglove will have tax increases. He added that certain audience members would have tax increases such a Ed Moll, Bill Tompkins, and Merrie Keller. This is too hit or miss. Councilperson Taggart stated that property taxes have been debated since they were first instituted, however, the reality is the people with more expensive properties are already paying more expensive taxes and by trying to shift more of the burden to them is unfair. He added that the lower assessed properties as well as the investment properties will really reap huge savings. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he appreciates the investigation that Councilperson Taggart has done, however, for every anomaly that Councilperson Taggart picks up, he can show ten properties where someone with a lower assessment will do better. The reality of it is that the trash fee is not deductible. He was asked by Bill Tompkins why we ever instituted a trash fee. He asked Tom McMackin and some of the other council members at that time said they were up against the milage and they couldn't increase the mils so they instituted a trash fee. There is no reason not to move the trash fee back into the Real Estate Tax. He agrees that some of the higher assessed homes will realize an increase. He compared it to buying a $100 television and you would pay $6 in sales tax. If you buy a $1,000 television then you would pay $60 in sales tax. Merrie Keller stated that a television is a luxury. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that so is a larger property, therefore they will pay a larger tax. He spoke, personally, to some of the business owners and they are not so concerned about the $45 because under the other plans, which were discussed, they would have been hit with $45 anyway. He appreciates what Councilperson Taggart is talking about but we could have held this to no tax increase if we could have been a little more vigilant in controlling some of the expenditures when signing police contracts. Since we have not been able to do that, he looked at the older people and we can't force them out of the Borough. We have increased taxes consistently and his have gone up over 80% in the last four years. He thinks this at least helps out the people in the lower assessments. Councilperson Taggart asked about the senior citizen who lives on Yorkshire Way who will have a $158 tax increase. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is not aware that they pick up their own trash. Councilperson Taggart said he knows for a fact that they have private trash haulers. He asked Superintendent Stauch if they pick up trash on Yorkshire Way or Hatters Court. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH said no because it is a private development. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM added that we do not maintain their roads either. Councilperson Taggart stated that he looked it up in the tax books and they do not pay a trash fee. Councilperson Polaneczky asked about the old person that does pay a trash fee. He reiterated that he can pick an anomaly for everyone Councilperson Taggart picks. Councilperson Taggart stated that the point he is trying to make is that with the other budget, having the 0.31 tax increase, allows the person on Yorkshire Way and the person on Crooked Billet Road with a similar assessment is paying the same amount. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that those with the higher assessment would still pay more with the 0.31 plan. Councilperson Taggart agreed but stated that on a house with an assessment of $200,000 will pay $140 more using Councilperson Polaneczky's way and they would pay $62 with the 0.31 mill increase. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he is incorrect on his calculations and it would be an $88 increase. Bill Tompkins stated that it's a $100 increase. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he appreciates Councilperson Taggart's comments. Fred Zollers, North Penn Street, asked if there was ever consideration of charging per the amount of trash generated. He knows that other communities charge you by the amount of trash you generate. Trash collection is a service you get not based on the amount your

house is worth. This would force people to recycle because if you put out less trash then you would be charged less money. Councilperson Polaneczky said no but it should be considered earlier in the budgeting process. He said this may be something that the next Council will want to consider. COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE asked if Fred Zollers was aware of other municipalities who implemented this. Fred Zollers said there were a couple of municipalities. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that there are some communities where you are charged by the bag and without special bags they will not pick it up. Therefore you are indirectly paying for it. Fred Zollers stated that about ten years ago there were questions about charging trash fees either by weight or by volume based on what you used in the trash. He explained that charging a flat fee isn't fair to everybody, this way you pay for what you use. Bill Tompkins asked if the proposed change in the trash fee is a permanent change, reducing the fee to $0, and not a one-time reduction. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that as proposed it reduces the fee to $0. Bill Tompkins asked if that was forever or just for 2004. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he can't guarantee that because future Council's can charge any fees if they vote on it and pass it. He explained that they could implement a lighting fee for the light outside of your house therefore he can't guarantee it. Bill Tompkins stated that Councilperson Taggart has to realize that if we reduce the trash fee by $180, and people itemized their taxes at about a 15% rate then they would say $27 on their federal taxes. If done properly, that would be another savings by putting it into a tax based on property value. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it doesn't cost the Borough anything except to call it something that it isn't called now. Maryann Moll, Academy Road, thinks that any increase is unacceptable and believes that it all could have been avoided if serious cuts were made along the way. If the budget was seriously looked at then it would have been avoided. She has a copy of the budget and she stated that it's the same thing as last year – no cuts. She added that she is not happy with any increase. Merrie Keller stated that the original challenge was to have a $0 tax increase. The budget needed to be cut all the way through. The residents are paying exorbitant taxes regardless of whether you live in a townhouse or a four-acre lot. Either way, when you look at this budget she is paying more. The only thing proposed is playing with numbers and that's effecting everyone's budget. She said she can't afford it. She told Councilperson Taggart that he was very eloquent and she thanked him for that. Ed Moll, Academy Road, asked what the 2004 total budget is compared to the 2003 total budget. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if Borough Manager Pantano had the 2003 budget. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he doesn't have the 2003 budget with him. Merrie Keller asked why he didn't have it and why he can't get it from the office. Borough Manager Pantano stated that we are dealing with the 2004 budget not the 2003 budget. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that our budget was $5,061,765 in revenues for the general fund for 2003. The budget for this year is $4,989,840. Merrie Keller asked if they could have the total including everything. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that last year we budgeted $5,562,000 and this year we budgeted $5,490,000. It has actually come down about $70,000 in revenues and corresponding expenses. Merrie Keller asked if anyone ever checked on the appeals for the Garner House. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that that was already factored in. They got a reduction and that was factored in. Merrie Keller asked if we appealed that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they were granted that by the Board and our School District appeals that and we sign onto that. They are currently appealing that they want a greater reduction. SOLICITOR MEYER said yes, it's at the Court of Common Pleas. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there are three members on the County Reassessment Board. He suggested that the residents go online, see who the members are, and then ask them why the properties keep getting knocked down. He could understand the one property that had environmental concerns but he doesn't understand the Garner House. Ed Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue, asked which property had the environmental concerns. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that it was the former Santerian's Warehouse. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM said it was on Jacksonville Road. Ed Henry asked what it was assessed at. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that it was a substantial reduction. Ed Moll thanked Councilperson Taggart for recognizing his property taxes. He added that he is not in support of raising his taxes. He mentioned that he falls within the higher tax bracket. Councilperson Polaneczky made a MOTION to increase the budget, as presently proposed, with an increase of 1.4 mills on the Real Estate Tax and a reduction in the residential trash fee to $0, including all of the other changes included in the draft proposal dated

December 11, 2003. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE. With a vote of 5-2, having Vice President Zygmont and Councilperson Taggart voting no, his motion was APPROVED. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT explained that she voted no because she feels that the Borough could be run more efficiently.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY made a MOTION to approve the **2004 Tax Ordinance 947, which** shows a milage of 7.358. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER. With a vote of 5-2, having Councilperson Taggart and Vice President Zygmont voting no, this motion was APPROVED.

COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY thanked President Clark for the plaque and he thanked Councilperson Younglove and Councilperson Ehrsam for their years of service. He knows that it's not always fun on Council and they have had their disagreements, however, he feels that that generates some good and reflective conversation and openness that he has seen over the last four years. Councilperson Polaneczky wished the new council members luck with their upcoming positions and thanked the community for allowing him to serve for the past four years.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Affairs – Mrs. Zygmont
VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT thanked the Sewer Authority for the funds, which are being held in an escrow account for the **playground equipment** at Memorial Park.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that it has been a pleasure working with Councilperson Polaneczky, Councilperson Ehrsam, and Councilperson Younglove. She explained that they have made her two years enjoyable and she wished them all the best.

VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the **State Grant** for the **pool** has been worked out yet. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he was contacted by the State concerning updated pool regulations, which were changed to allow non-residents in. He provided them with a copy of that and it was fine. The only additional item they need is the pool association (the Swim Team) had restrictions in their regulations, which supposedly prevented people from outside of the community from joining. He doesn't believe they do that anymore because they are following the Borough's rules but he is waiting for a letter from their executive committee stating this. The State considers it prejudice or not fair to not allow others in, therefore they have to change that. Borough Manager Pantano mentioned that the Swim Team will provide him with a letter stating that they are in compliance with the Borough's rules and regulations. He spoke to the gentleman from the State and that letter would be acceptable to them. Vice President Zygmont asked if Borough Manager Pantano read their stuff before he sent it in. Borough Manager Pantano said no. He explained that he looked at the application but not the attachments because he thought they were all the same.

Public Relations – Mr. Younglove
COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE wished Councilperson Ehrsam and Councilperson Polaneczky well. He thanked all of his fellow council people, past and present, department heads, past and present, all of the office staff, and the residents for their support over the past twelve years. He can honestly say that it's been his privilege to serve.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
COUNCILPERSON TAGGART made a MOTION to approve **Ordinance 946** for the parking restrictions on South New Street. It was discussed at the November committee meeting. The ordinance is restricting the parking of vehicles at all times on the east side of South New Street from East Moreland Avenue to a point 155 feet south of the East Moreland Avenue. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON TAGGART wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. He thanked the council members who are leaving tonight and wished them all good luck.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Ehrsam
COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM thanked the residents for letting him serve for the past four years.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to release the **Commerce Bank escrow letter of credit for public improvements**, subject to the receipt of the Engineer's report. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON YOUNGLOVE and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER thanked Councilperson Ehrsam for his time during the four years he spent on Council. He thanked Councilperson Polaneczky as well and wished him the best with his upcoming nuptials. Councilperson Acker stated that he had the privilege of knowing Councilperson Younglove when he became a member of Council twelve years ago including the time he served as president. He added that it has been a pleasure to know him, work with him, and sit next to him.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER wished everyone happy holidays.

OLD BUSINESS
COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that our **capital budget** is approximately $120,000 that we have available from the Borough Authority. Most of that was taken up with various items, which are still undone from prior years. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said there is the design for the replacement of the traffic lights along York Road, which is about $40,000. They have committed to next year's Community Development Block Grant, which is about $30,000+. There are also a couple of grant applications in which total approximately $10,000. Therefore $80-90,000 is already committed to by matching funds. The other $20-30,000 has not been determined by Council as to where to allocate the funds to. He added that he submitted a wish list from the department heads in excess of $500,000, which can obviously not be done at this point. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that they decided not to budget for anything and as we go along Council will pick and choose which items to pay for. Ron Battis stated that Councilperson Taggart previously mentioned keeping aside a little fund in the event of an emergency. Councilperson Polaneczky asked if it was a slush fund. Ron Battis said Councilperson Taggart didn't say that, just a fund in case an emergency would arise. He then asked if this additional money could be allocated for that. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that according to the Charter of the Water Authority it has to be used for capital items. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that if the emergency that arises is a capital emergency then the funds are right there and that's why it is left open. Likewise, if we are not approved for the grants then some of the money is available to buy other things. Merrie Keller asked why it costs $40,000 to design traffic lights. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that there are five intersections on York Road. They have to do the engineering in order to get the county to pay for the standards and the boxes, and the synchronization along York Road so traffic can flow. When Commerce Bank gave us the money, that was set aside to cover one and apparently the County will pay for the other four, for about $400,000. He stated that we would spend $40,000 and get $400,000. Merrie Keller asked what a Block Grant is. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's the Community Development Block Grant, which is federal money that is funneled through the counties to do the projects in the areas considered to be low-income areas. This year we did the paving on New and Penn Streets and next year we will pave East Moreland Avenue from York Road to Jacksonville Road. Merrie Keller stated that when she thinks of low-income she thinks about the horrendous building on Jacksonville Road, which is now eating into our tax money. She asked if we can do something with that. Borough Manager Pantano stated that that's private property and it's a whole different issue. In order for the Borough to do something with that, the Borough would have to buy it. Merrie Keller asked if the building is being used for anything. Borough Manager Pantano said at this point and time, he doesn't believe it is. He added that we have been in court with the owner of that property several times. FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH explained that they have been cited as well. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the owner has been cited, he's paid fines, and he's in the process of moving the vehicles out of there. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Council can continue to look at the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority or Industrial Authority. He is sure that someone on

Council or Borough Manager Pantano can talk to them about this property. The Borough will not be able to buy it but maybe someone can buy it, rehab it, and create a business or authority. Merrie Keller stated that it's definitely an eyesore.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Maryann Moll, Academy Road, stated that there was discussion several times about **borrowing money** from the Authority. She asked if that was still an option. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that he has instructed Borough Manager Pantano to get together three years worth of financial statements and he has spoke to John Zygmont, with the Authority but they haven't come to a conclusion. It is still in the works but she will have to follow up with the Authority members and Council. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that he will continue to try to work with them to see if we can get things (capital things) done.

Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane, asked what is happening with the **Sprint tower**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that there were some additional changes necessary on the Entry and Testing Agreement. He had to send it back to Sprint, they made their changes, and he will now sign it and get it back to Sprint.

Mickey Glantz, 224 South York Road, asked why the **Seasons Greetings banner** has not been put up yet. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained that according to the state requirements, more than 20-25% of the sign cannot be used for advertisement purposes. His understanding was that there were several businesses included on the sign, which took up a significant portion of the sign. Mickey Glantz said it is the same sign that has been going up for the last four years. The businesses on there happen to be the three businesses (Hatboro Federal, Willow Grove Bank, and Hatboro Life) that have sponsored the parade for the last four years. Borough Manager Pantano asked how that relates to the Seasons Greetings banner. Mickey Glantz explained that our original commitment stated that they would get the publicity for our thank you for sponsoring the parade. He added that they each put up $5,000 to sponsor the parade. Mickey Glantz stated that less than 10% of the banner includes their names. He then asked if Borough Manager Pantano told the Chamber of Commerce this. Borough Manager Pantano said no because the Chamber of Commerce never submitted an application for the sign. Mickey Glantz stated that the application is submitted every year, for the last four years, with the list of banners that go up. Borough Manager Pantano explained that the list says Seasons Greetings, not that it was listing several businesses in the community. Mickey Glantz said the list says "Hatboro Chamber of Commerce wishes all happy holidays or seasons greetings." Borough Manager Pantano said he was under the impression this was a new banner. Mickey Glantz explained that it is the same banner. It was made as a duplication of the old one because the old one was destroyed from the wind. Mickey Glantz asked if Borough Manager Pantano looked at the banner and who gave him the information on the banner. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he did not look at the banner but he was told that there were three large-sized advertisements for two banks and Hatboro Life. Mickey Glantz said yes because they were the three people that sponsored the parade. Borough Manager Pantano asked if they were the only three people that sponsored the parade. Mickey Glantz said yes. Borough Manager Pantano asked if anyone else contributed to the parade. Mickey Glantz said they did but not $5,000 each. The other people that contribute sponsor a band or mummers and they have a sign that marches with that group. Borough Manager Pantano asked if there was a cut off for how much you needed to sponsor in order to get your name on a banner. COUNCILPERSON POLANECZKY stated that that is not an issue here. Borough Manager Pantano said it is because the State's rules and regulations mention that the signs are not to be used for advertisement purposes and he has copies of the rules and regulations available for anyone who wishes to see them. COUNCILPERSON EHRSAM stated that this banner was approved the last time we did the list. Mickey Glantz asked why the parade banner wasn't taken down then since there were three names on that. Councilperson Ehrsam repeated that it was already approved. Borough Manager Pantano explained that that doesn't make it right. He has to check to be sure it complies with the state law. He reiterated that he has not seen the sign but he will go out and measure it. Councilperson Ehrsam asked how long we have had the sign. Mickey

Glantz said he has had the sign for about two and a half weeks. Borough Manager Pantano said he has not had it that long. COUNCILPERSON TAGGART explained that the banner ordinance specifically states that the sponsors can only be on a banner, which is advertising an event. In years past, those sponsors' names were on the banner for advertising the Christmas Parade. Technically "Seasons Greetings" and their names does not fall within the parameters of advertising an event. VICE PRESIDENT ZYGMONT said maybe we should check the list that Council said ok to. Councilperson Polaneczky said it was the same as last year. Mickey Glantz said it's been the same for the last four years. He then asked Brent Sine, Public Works, when he was on vacation. Brent Sine stated that it was about two weeks ago. Mickey Glantz said they have had the banner for two weeks now and one of the things that he believes that the banners are for is to highlight Hatboro. He said people pass through the community looking for our banners. He said they have had the banner for two and a half weeks and asked why someone wouldn't have called the Chamber of Commerce to tell them about the problem with the banner. Mickey Glantz said today he was told by Barbara Davis, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, that Public Works has not returned her calls and she has called twice. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that Public Works spoke to Barbara Davis over a week ago so she has known for over a week. Mickey Glantz said that is what she honestly told him today. Superintendent Stauch verified with Brent Sine that they spoke to her last week. Brent Sine said he spoke to Barbara Davis approximately a week and a half ago. PRESIDENT CLARK said the issue would not be solved tonight. Borough Manager Pantano will measure the sign and get back to the Chamber of Commerce about it. Merrie Keller asked what would happen to us if we put the banner up anyway. Borough Manager Pantano said if something happened such as the banner falling then we could get sued. Merrie Keller asked if it falls then is it a liability. Borough Manager Pantano explained that if it's legal and it falls then we have insurance. If the banner is not legal and it falls then we are not covered by insurance. Merrie Keller asked if the insurance is predicated on the non-business names that are on the banner. Councilperson Polaneczky stated that what Borough Manager Pantano is saying is not true. If the banner falls then we are just as liable if it has the names on it or not. Borough Manager Pantano explained that he wants to comply with the state rules. Councilperson Ehrsam stated that Council has already approved that list and that banner was on that list. Borough Manager Pantano asked if it said on the banner that it was an advertisement because there is a difference. Councilperson Taggart reiterated that Council approved a banner that said "Seasons Greetings" and not a banner that said "Seasons Greetings – Eat at Joe's." Councilperson Polaneczky stated that Council didn't approve any banners that said what they were advertising. He explained that the one that said to volunteer for the Fire Company could have been paid for by Hatboro Federal and then their name would have been on the bottom of it. Councilperson Taggart explained that the banners, according to the state ordinance, are meant for advertising events, not businesses.

Mickey Glantz then read:

> "I first came to a council meeting in 1996 when I was president of the Chamber and I have enjoyed a good working relationship with Hatboro's government. Then Tom McMackin was president of council and Al Herrmann was our borough manager. That was eight years ago and now we are changing again. Four years ago, because of my close friendship with some of you, I started to attend all of the council meetings and committee meetings. I have had my differences with some of you but I never lost sight of your dedication to Hatboro. Being an elected official in charge of Hatboro's future is a great deal of responsibility not only for council but for the employees of the community as well. Last week's meeting, surrounding the decisions of the 2004 budget, was met with some unkind words specifically directed to your compensation for being a council person. I know and understand that the meager sums of money given to you is but a pittance considering the amount of time you devote to Hatboro. Five years ago we did not have a lot of residents coming to these meetings. Today, because of the different views of what is important for Hatboro being discussed at council meetings, more people come to meetings than ever before. More people speak their mind, makes suggestions, and really show that they too care about our community. John Younglove, Lou Polaneczky, and Bob Ehrsam –

tonight is your last official meeting as a councilman. Whether or not I supported your calls, and some decisions I still feel were wrong, one thing is for sure – you ought to be commended for your years of service to Hatboro. Your dedication to the betterment of Hatboro was more than anyone could ask for. Thank you for the hours, nights, days, and time you have given to this town. I hope that the newly elected council people can keep an open mind, listen to the residents, and do what's best for Hatboro. Lastly, as I have said many, many times, Hatboro is a community that others are judged by. It's people like John, Lou, and Bob that make this happen. Thank you very much for serving Hatboro."

PRESIDENT CLARK explained that he wanted to end the meeting with some words from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He read:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in developments of conflict and obedience but where he stands when provided with a challenge of controversy."

President Clark added that he thinks each of the three councilmen retiring tonight have stood the test of time in both conflict, obedience, as well as controversy. He agrees that they should be commended. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and personally wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clark then adjourned the December Council meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

TO: HATBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

FROM: JOHN F. McKEAN

SUBJECT: INVESTMENTS---NOVEMBER 2003

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2003

BALANCES INVESTED BY COMMERCE BANK FOR THE BENEFIT OF HATBORO BOROUGH TOTALED $2,359,875.50. AS OF 11/30/03. INTEREST CREDITED FOR THE MONTH WAS $2,769.15. AVERAGE RATE FOR NOVEMBER WAS 1.33%.

JOHN F. McKEAN
TREASURER

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2004

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Taggart, Councilpersons Acker, Cornell, Strang, Vasoli, and Zygmont, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **December minutes**. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK formerly thanked the public works and fire departments for doing a great job, despite the winter weather conditions. He stated that he appreciates their work and also the work of Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Heller.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he had a number of items, including grant updates, to report on. He received good news regarding the **Land Use Technical Assistance Program (L.U.T.A.P.) Grant**. It is for redoing our subdivision and land development ordinances. We were awarded the grant, in the amount of $7,500 and the Borough will have to provide a 50% match.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported on the **Peer-to-Peer Grant**, which is in relation to the swimming pool operation. The State previously indicated that what we needed to do was to get additional information on the economics and the operation of the pool for the grant application for pool construction. The State recommended that we apply for the Peer-to-Peer Grant and we received notification that we were awarded that grant. It involves working with a representative through the D.C.E.D. who has a lot of experience with the operations of a pool. We can pick our own consultant or we can use the person who the State recommended to us. Borough Manager Pantano has no problem moving forward with who the State would use because it would save time. By picking our own consultant we not only have to find someone but we also have to go through the process of having the State approve that person. He will forward the written resume, from the State's recommended consultant, to Council when he receives it. Then we can meet with Mike Eshman, representative from D.C.E.D., and the consultant to determine the procedure for moving forward. A small committee will be put together to work with the consultant. They would like to meet in February. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked how much the grant was for. Borough Manager Pantano stated that it's around $7,000. Councilperson Zygmont asked if it was a 10% match. Borough Manager Pantano said he believe it was for 10%. He recalls the match being less than $1,000. Councilperson Zygmont asked if this would be done in time to be submitted with the Pool Grant application. Borough Manager Pantano explained that that was their intention although it depends on how long the process takes.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO updated everyone on the **Recycling Center**. We were a part of the consortium for constructing a transfer facility for all of the recycle materials. The project is just about done and we have been operating the facility despite some construction items not yet being finalized. The grant funding has been coming in from the State therefore the last two or three payments were paid through our share of the State grants. We also have a credit balance of almost $3,000. Hopefully we won't have any more capital outlays on that. We may actually receive some money back once all of the grants are received.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported on the **Transportation Enhancement (T.E.) Grant**. We applied for this grant last fall after being turned down the previous year. This grant includes work up and down York Road, which will tie in with the whole streetscape theme. Replacement of the sidewalks, curbing, benches, street trees, trash receptacles, and some lighting will be included within this project. It's about $650,000 for this construction project. The way this grant works is that the Borough pays the upfront costs (environmental costs and engineering) and then the State pays 100% of the construction costs, if we get that far. Although he hasn't been informed that we have received this grant, he believes it looks positive that they continue calling for information about the grant.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **2003 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.)** has been finalized and the contractor has been paid off. This year's C.D.B.G. will be for Moreland Avenue, from York Road to Jacksonville Road to be torn up and replaced. Similar to the York Road project, we will include lighting, trash receptacles, benches, thereby making it a nice streetscape.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO spoke about the **2003 President's Day snowstorm**. We did closeout that grant.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO updated everyone on **Tanner Park**. The work is basically completed there, although there is still some final restoration including replacement of the playground equipment. The retaining wall, tree removal, etc. is done. They are working on the fence restoration. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked why the drainage pipe that is on the wall goes to the resident's driveway. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he would have to go and look at it but he would guess that if there is a drain there now then it must have been there before. Councilperson Zygmont wondered why it was there instead of further down.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the testing equipment was onsite last Friday for the **Sprint tower**. He received an e-mail today from a Sprint representative stating that the test went well and the height that they had to reach was 100 feet. The next step would be for Solicitor Meyer to review the new agreement. The next step in this process can be addressed at the next committee meeting. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if the site was at the police station. Borough Manager said yes and he has pictures from the day of testing the equipment.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained the **2003 Liquid Fuels Audit.** The audit went very well. The department supervisor completed the audit this year and he emphasized that he was very pleased with the records that were kept and our overall documentation. That reflects both the Public Works department and Bookkeeper Cannon.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO spoke about the **York Road traffic signal** update. The traffic lights will be replaced up and down York Road. The Borough is responsible for about $40,000 worth of design, which is budgeted through the Authority. The Borough is also responsible for 25% of the construction cost, which is estimated to be about $100,000-110,000. That money is escrowed from previous capital contributions. We expect that the design will go forward by mid-summer.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO updated everyone on **237 Jacksonville Road**. They met with the developer for the site. There are very positive ideas being thought about for improving the site. The developer is talking about doing some type of loft-apartment style housing in there.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO commented on the **overhead banners**. He stated that there was recently discussion about the confusion about the approval process and how they go up. He met with Barbara Davis, Joe Tryon, and Kathy Rusch to go over the procedures. Everyone involved is now on the same page. They have received a copy of the ordinance and the state

regulations therefore things should go smoothly from now on, provided we follow those procedures. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked when we would receive the list of banners. Borough Manager Pantano explained that they will provide a list of the standard banners for this year. Anything new and additional has to come through Council, unless there are time constraints in which there is a separate approval process to follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 12/31/03 the balances invested in the Commerce Bank totaled $2,227,517.10. Interest credited for the month was $2,839.21. Average yield for December was 1.31%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the **bills** and manual **check list**. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if the police body armor vests were paid for by the grants. CHIEF GARDNER said yes and he was going to comment on that under his report. He said the vests were received and paid for out of the grant money. Councilperson Zygmont asked why we are paying a 2002 Leslie's Pool bill in 2004. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said he is not sure but he will check into it. VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO wished Councilperson Cornell the best of luck with her upcoming election. He is confident that it will be a smooth transition for her to take over as State Representative.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER finalized the **2004 Tax Anticipation Note** and filed it with the Department of Community and Economic Development. The rules will change by the end of this year. We will need approval before we can have the settlement to transfer the funds. Therefore, at the end of this year, it will need to be sent to Harrisburg to obtain approval.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed **Chapter 15** regarding motor vehicles. He noted that former Councilperson Zollers worked on that project years ago. There are a few small changes reflecting reality based on the Police Chief and his staff.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared a resolution to approve the **fines**. The fines will be removed from an ordinance and put into a resolution.

SOLICITOR MEYER stated that **GSA Corp. (Garner House)** appealed to the Court of Common Pleas the decision of the Montgomery County Appeals. It had been at 3.9 million dollars and the court reduced the assessment to 3.452 million dollars. Solicitor Meyer noted that in 1961 this property was purchased for $20,000.

SOLICITOR MEYER explained that Council passed an ordinance last year voiding the collection of the **trash fee** on the residences. As a result of some ambiguity, Solicitor Meyer drafted an ordinance that will clarify matters.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if we received the specs from **Carr & Duff**. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that we didn't get anything from them. He wrote a letter to their attorney however he has not yet received a response.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GARDNER mentioned that a thirteen-year old child was shot in the face with a **paintball gun** about a week ago. He announced that they did make an arrest on that case. He publicly thanked Superintendent Stauch and his staff from the Public Works Department. They immediately

provided the police with a good description of the vehicle as well as a good description of the occupants of the vehicle. This information led them further into the investigation to affect an apprehension in that case as well as charge the suspect who they believe is the shooter. COUNCILPERSON CORNELL asked how the boy is doing. Chief Gardner stated that he is ok. The scary part was that he was hit very close to his eye. On the day he was hit, it happened to be the coldest day in the last ten years therefore the paintball may have been frozen.

CHIEF GARDNER stated that there will be another session of the **Citizens' Police Academy** in February. The information is on channel 22. Applications are available at the Hatboro and Horsham police stations. It is basically a joint program run by the Hatboro and Horsham Police. It's taught at the Horsham Township building on Wednesday nights for ten weeks. The program begins in the middle of February and runs from 7-9 p.m. An overview of law enforcement is provided to those who attend. There is a session for parents dealing with drug abuse, crime prevention areas, basic laws, patrol procedures, and a tactical demonstration.

CHIEF GARDNER mentioned that they have taken delivery of the new **body armor** for the officers. He thanked Senator Greenleaf for his assistance in helping them obtain the grant money for the vests.

CHIEF GARDNER updated everyone on the **sauna**. He received a letter from the attorney representing the ownership of the establishment. The attorney indicated that they sent a letter to the people occupying the sauna advising them that they may be in violation of their lease. If so, they should vacate the building within thirty-days. Chief Gardner added that we have been this far before. The next step would be for the owner to take the occupants to District Court to file for eviction proceedings. He will keep everyone updated. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that we should express a keen interest in resolving this matter. Chief Gardner stated that if the thirty-days passes then he will be in contact with the owner's attorney. Councilperson Acker asked if we could go in and do inspections from the zoning standpoint. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that we have a court order that we can go in at any time and they have to comply with all of the laws. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI asked if the Borough could write a letter to the District Justice requesting notification of any hearing for this property. Chief Gardner said that is a good idea and he will take care of it. He mentioned that he attended the last hearing when we went through this.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report He added that they are the same reports as December as nothing has changed for the yearly numbers. COUNCILPERSON CORNELL asked if we have received any more of the **emergency management forms**. Fire Marshal Stauch stated that they have received about three since he last reported and they are going out in the tax bills.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK wanted to recognize **Mike Aiman** for his service to the Borough. He said he would like to focus on Mike Aiman's accomplishments with the Fire Company. Mike Aiman joined the Enterprise Fire Company in January 1939. When he joined the Fire Company there were two trucks and the firehouse was located on York Road. He was a member of the 50th Fire Company celebration in 1943. He was chief of the company longer than any other chief. Mike Aiman was instrumental in purchasing the first 100 foot aerial ladder truck and two 1,000 gallons per minute Mac pumper trucks. He also encouraged the Borough to establish a fire marshal's office. He was instrumental in acquiring the land for the firehouse, which we now use in Hatboro. He worked with the insurance to get us a better insurance rating, thereby reducing costs to residents. He had the Borough pass ordinances establishing fire lanes. In 1996 Mike Aiman was named Firefighter of the Year and in 2003 he responded to more emergency calls than any other member of the company. President Clark stated that he has always looked at Mike Aiman as a role model in the community. President Clark compared Mike Aiman to a lobster because he was always willing to shed his shell and take on a new venture or idea. He always had the great passion for the Fire Company.

President Clark presented a resolution to Chief Zollers to recognize his outstanding achievements of Mike Aiman, within his sixty-five years of service. MAYOR CELANO agreed that Mike Aiman is a great man who is dedicated to the Borough.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve **Ordinance 949**, reauthorizing the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority. This amends chapter one of the Code of Ordinances for the Borough of Hatboro regarding the term of existence of the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority. The term of existence, under this ordinance, shall continue for a period of one-year from December 15, 2003. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the payment of bills by the **Borough Authority**. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Joseph Pantano** as Borough Manager. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that she approved with the stipulation that Borough Manager Pantano is evaluated.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **James Gardner** as Chief of Police. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **W. Robert Stauch** as Public Works Superintendent. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Gilmore & Associates** as the Engineer. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Adrian Meyer, Esq.** as Solicitor. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **John McKean** as Treasurer. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Jeff Heller** as the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Bruce Eckel, Esq.** as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **W. Robert Stauch** as Fire Marshal. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Roy Thomas** as Deputy Fire Marshal. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Joseph Reading** as Deputy Fire Marshal. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Rich Lefebvre Jr.** as Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Ronald McKnight** for a four-year term on the Planning Commission. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Barbara LaSorsa** for a four-year term on the Shade Tree Commission. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **George Lewis** for a five-year term with the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **George "Skip" Emig** for the Vacancy Board. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **Doug Mauer** to a five-year term on the Borough Authority. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to re-appoint **John Katherine** to a three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK announced that the following boards and commissions do have open seats:

- Zoning Hearing Board
- Library Board
- Fire Board
- Civil Service Commission

Council will be meeting to interview the applicants. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if there are any dates set for the interviews. President Clark stated that they will establish dates during executive session this evening.

Budget & Insurance – Dr. Strang
COUNCILPERSON STRANG stated that he has nothing on his agenda to report on.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that they have been meeting with a software company regarding **Earned Income Tax Software**. Later this month they will look at their proposal.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Relations– Ms. Cornell
COUNCILPERSON CORNELL reminded everyone that there would be a brief meeting held on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss **pool issues** with residents.

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL reminded Council to submit their **e-mail addresses** to Lynn Hartzell if they would like residents to contact them through the Borough's website.

Health & Environment – Mrs. Zygmont
COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT read the letter regarding the **Waste System Authority** (attached). She would like Borough Manager Pantano to draft a letter to Senator Rafferty as well.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT announced that there was an **oil spill** last Thursday. She heard that Public Works did work the job. Councilperson Zygmont stated that she would appreciate, as Chairman, that she be contacted when things like this happen so she is knowledgeable about the situation.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART made a MOTION to approve the **Chapter 15 Traffic Ordinance**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 2004-01**, setting the **parking fines**. He gave a brief overview of the resolution. This resolution sets the parking fees for expired meters, not parking between parked spaces, and parking in a handicapped zone. The fines have been doubled. CHIEF GARDNER added that the handicapped zone is regulated by the State Ordinance therefore we did not double those fees. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER thanked **Public Works** for their work during the recent snow and ice storms. He appreciates all of the effort put forth. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that the news has been reporting on the **salt shortages**. He has contacted all of our salt vendors to order another 50-tons of salt. There is no guarantee of the salt delivery date as the demands are unusually high. He stated that we currently have 75-tons of salt. If we do not receive a delivery soon then we will either have to look elsewhere or conserve by only salting the major highways, hills, intersections, and stop signs. He said the last resort would be mixing the salt with something else. Councilperson Acker wanted everyone to be aware that this situation exists. Superintendent Stauch stated that the worst-case scenario is an ice storm because that utilizes a lot of salt. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI asked if Superintendent Stauch has contacted other municipalities as a contingency. Superintendent Stauch said he has not contacted other municipalities. First he will contact some other places that sell salt. According to our contract, we have to be reimbursed for the salt purchased. COUNCILPERSON STRANG asked if we could mix in cinders or grit. Superintendent Stauch said we don't but we may have to mix it. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if cinders worked better on the ice. Superintendent Stauch explained that it works for traction but the salt does the same thing. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the problem with the cinders is that they make a mess in the sewer lines and in the storm sewers.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER read the report about the **oil spill**. He stated that we are very fortunate in Hatboro to have the people respond in the manner they do. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH acknowledged that the oil delivery person literally had his finger over the hole and the other hand on the cell phone calling for help. Councilperson Acker noted that this helped contain the spill quite a bit. Superintendent Stauch stated that he spoke to the spill company today and they are waiting to see how they are going to be paid to come down and pick up the remainder of the clean-up stuff out there. Plus we have to get reimbursed for all of our haz-mat stuff. Most of the damage was in the actual house itself. Councilperson Acker thanked everyone for their help. Ed Henry, Bonair Avenue, asked if the State would send a report regarding the oil spill. Superintendent Stauch explained that the State Fish and Game Commission would send a report.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER brought up the discussion of **recycling**. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH announced that he had a six-hour meeting with his employees about recycling as well as the rules and regulations. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI mentioned that the Borough was fortunate to have a place at the science exhibit at Pennypack Elementary School. There is educational

information for the parents, students, and citizens. COUNCILPERSON CORNELL explained that the students tend to be the biggest advocates of recycling, once they are educated about it. Superintendent Stauch recommended offering the recycling display to Crooked Billet Elementary School for their science fair.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Vasoli
COUNCILPERSON VASOLI talked about the Land Use Technical Assistance Program (**L.U.T.A.P.**). This will be timely, as it will come in at the end of completing the **Comprehensive Plan**. It will also prove to the County that we are now working off some of the items in the Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan. Councilperson Vasoli announced that last week the Planning Commission and Main Street had a very productive work session. The Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan was discussed. The next step will be for the Planning Commission to meet on February 3rd and they will hopefully have a recommendation or suggestions. Then on February 19th there will be a special Council meeting on the plan.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
David Morgan stated that he owns some properties in the Borough. He came to Council about sixteen months ago about a **water problem**. The next day the Board took action and put up saw horses, which are still there. This is a property, which was originally a Frattone property. The property was sub-divided into several different units, including the clock shop on York Road. There was an obstruction in a pipe on Sid Gamburg's property, which he has since repaired. There was another pipe still there, behind the five properties running from 59 South York Road to Frattone's Jewelers. Right behind those properties there is a drainpipe in the ground, which was backed up because of the obstruction on Gamburg's property. You could poke a rod through the paving in the ground. This is on Frattone's property but his building and several others are at risk due to the undermining of this paved area. David Morgan explained that it is quite possible that this will cave in. The parking area right behind the jewelry store has subsided in the last sixteen months. Since that time, Claranne Frattone has sold off the one property, raised some money, but has not repaired this. He put in two phone calls to Building Inspector Heller but did not get return calls back. The Borough previously accepted responsibility for the pipe that they fixed eight years before. The pipe from Sid Gamburg's property runs into that pipe and the pipe from Claire Ann Frattone's property runs into Sid Gamburg's pipe. David Morgan explained that he is concerned about his wall because it is starting to sink. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that Borough Manager Pantano, Building Inspector Heller, Engineer Solarz and Solicitor Meyer are very familiar with the problem being addressed. They have been conferencing about this situation. He asked Mr. Morgan who the current owner of the property is. David Morgan said it is a man from Northeast Philadelphia and then said it is owned by Claranne Frattone. Solicitor Meyer explained that according to his understanding, she no longer owns it. David Morgan said the property line ends at the buildings and the alley between the buildings is on the Frattone's property. Solicitor Meyer stated that they would all be meeting again on Wednesday regarding this issue. The Borough is working on finding out who the owner is. Solicitor Meyer stated that Building Inspector Heller is writing a letter to the person who owns the property. They checked with the Recorder of Deeds and they don't have any records of a new owner. Solicitor Meyer stated that Claranne Frattone is cognizant of this problem as well. While the problem has not yet been repaired, the Borough has been working on taking care of it. He pointed out that this is a private property but the water main is a public problem. David Morgan stated that he thinks the proper owner is still Claire Ann Frattone because of the way the sub-division worked.

Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, asked if the **reports** (such as the report on the oil spill) could be summarized at the meetings so that people know what's going on.

CHIEF GARDNER stated that there is currently a **power outage**. PECO is trying to reroute the power so they are hoping there will be service within an hour. Traffic signals at Warminster/Byberry, York/Byberry, and York/Moreland are out along with some of the businesses and residences.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clark then adjourned the January Council meeting at 8:56 p.m. President Clark announced an executive session regarding some personnel issues, which would begin in five minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

459 OAKDALE AVENUE
Telephone 675-1454 HATBORO, PA 19040 Fax 675-2286

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Month of: January 2004

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash		33
Tons of Trash		227.31
Street Opening Permits		0
Street Opening Fees Collected		0
Sidewalk/Curb Permits		2
Sidewalk/Curb Fees Collected		$105.00
Large Article Pick-up Stops		22
Number of Large Article Picked Up		105
Newspaper Tonnage Collected		24.24
Grass/Leaves Tonnage Collected		20.76
Tires Recycled and Cost		0
Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of above		

Remarks: glass & cans tonage 14.86

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

4-Jan

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0	10		8	9.4	0	9		
	5.5		4.8	7.1	8.6	7.7		
	9.6		7.6	9.2	12.4	10.6		
	3.6		8.7	10.2	17.6	7.9		
	8.9		8.9	9.2	17.8	9.9		
	8.6		9	5.3	11.5	4.6		
	5.6		5.6	7.7	6.4	7.8		
	5.3		13.6	5.9		6.7		
	5.6		11.4	5.3		14.9		
	5		16.9	4.9		12.9		
	9.8		10.9	5		7.8		
	9.6		8.1	4.4		8.4		
	9.2		12.9	7.4		8.9		
	3.6		8.6	11.6		12.2		
	8.3		14.1	7.1		6		
	6.9		6.4	6.9		5.2		
	7.6		8.7	9.8		8.8		
	8.2		5.3	7.8		8.7		
	7.1		9.2	19.2		7.5		
	4.7		11	6.3		7.3		
	11.7		14.2	13.1		8.3		
	15.7		5.9	14.6		8.4		
	10.9		6.8	12		7.7		
	9.9		9.9	7.6		10		
	8.1		11.7	8.4		13.3		
	10.2		8.1	8.6		9.2		
	9.6		10.5			8.7		
	5.5		4.1			9.1		
	8		8.9			5.6		
	10.2		9.1			7.8		
	10.5		15			7.6		
	5.7							
	11							
	3.9							
	11.2							
	8.2							
0	293	0	293.9	224	74.3	268.5	0	1153.7

Total Gasoline 1153.7

at 1.05 gal = $1,211.39

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

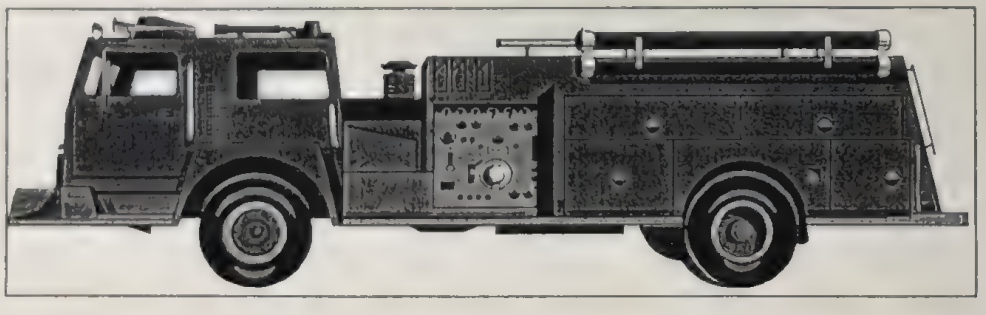
4-Jan

35-D	21 8	23 9													45.7
36-D	25 8	12 2	16.3	36 6											
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	47.6	36 1	16.3	36.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136.6

TOTAL DIESEL	136.6
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	124.31

34-G	18.3	19 5	26.2												
38-G	7.2	7.2													
39-G	17	18.2													
40-G															
46-G															
TOTAL	42.5	44.9	26.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113.60

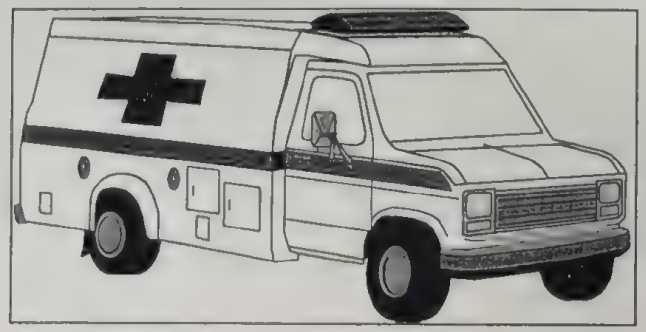
TOTAL GAS	113.60
GAS @ $1.05 A GALLON	119.28



																4-Jan
32-G															0	
33-G	22														22	22
31D															0	
30-D	16.7	12	17.9	20.5	16.2										83.3	83.3

TOTAL DIESEL	83.3
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	$75.80

TOTAL GASOLINE	22
GASOLINE @ $1.05 A GALLON	$23.10



DIESEL

9-21-D	21.2	32.6	25.7	21	24.5	20.5	21.3	19.4	21.9	19.9	25.5	14.2			
11-1-D	28.1														
17-8-D	29.3	38.5	43.7												
18-9-D	29.3	54.6	39.7	36.2											
20-12-D															
21-13-D	23.8	28.5													
26-14-D	31.9	21.4													
23-15-D	46.6	25.4													
24-16-D	38.6	25.3	37.1	24.4	29.6	37.4	36.3	28.2							
25-17-D															
30-M-D															
43-2-D	9.1	16.3	28.8	26.3	16.5	25.6	37	12.8							
44-D	27	28.5	19.3												
TOTALS	284.9	271.1	194.3	107.9	70.6	83.5	94.6	60.4	21.9	19.9	25.5	14.2	0	0	1248.8

4-Jan

GASOLINE

13-3-G	26.2	11.3	30.1												
14-3A-G															
15-4-G	28.2	11.7	30	18.3	23.3	32.8	3.4								
16-7-G	20.5	20.6													
19-11-G															
27-20-G	11.5	11.9	11												
28-59-G	24.8	17.7	19.6	21.8											
29-M-G															
42-24-G	20	21.6													
47-G	30.1	42.8	50.5	34.4	24.9	0.1	28.5								
48-G															
49-G	22.9	27.1													
50-G															
TOTALS	184.2	164.7	141.2	74.5	48.2	32.9	31.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	677.6

GASOLINE	677.6
$1.05 A GALLON	711.48

DIESEL	1248.8
$.91 A GALLON	######

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF
THE FIRE MARSHAL

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MONTHLY FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Month of: January 2004

	This Month	Year to Date
Inspections		6
Re-inspections		0
Fire Investigations		16
Special Service		5
Fire Reports Issued		0
Permits Issued		2
Permit Fees Collected		$125
Fire Report Fees Collected		0
Inspection Fees Collected		**$310**
Use and Occupancy Inspections		**2**
Use and Occupancy Re-inspections		**0**
Use and Occupancy Fees		**$600**
Miscellaneous Fees Collected		
Total Fees Collected		**$1,035**

Remarks:

FIRE MARSHAL HOURS

	Inspt.	Invest.	S. S.	Total Hrs
STAUCH	**1:00**	**12:25**	**16:00**	**29:25**
THOMAS	**0:00**	**5:45**	**5:45**	**11:30**
READING	**3:00**	**0:00**	**2:30**	**5:30**
TOTALS	**4:00**	**18:05**	**24:15**	**42:20**

WASTE SYSTEM AUTHORITY OF EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Montgomery County Human Services Center
P.O. Box 311
1430 DeKalb Street, Fifth Floor, Norristown, PA 19404-0311
Phone: (610) 278-3045 - Fax: (610) 278-3713

Timothy T. Hartman, Executive Director
Patricia A. Myers, Director of Office Operations
Arthur A. Feltes, Recycling Coordinator
Thomas D. Mason, Deputy Director Finance
William D. Tobin, Director of Field Operations
Recycling Hotline: 610-278-3618

COUNCIL January 21, 2004

The Honorable John C. Rafferty, Jr.
Senate Post Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3044

Dear Senator Rafferty:

I am writing on behalf of the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County to apprise you of the impact we believe Senate Bill 982 will have on the twenty-two (22) eastern Montgomery County municipalities that comprise the Authority's service district. These municipalities are contractually bound to make best efforts to ensure that all municipal solid waste generated within their boundaries is delivered to the Montenay Montgomery Limited Partnership (MMLP) Resource Recovery Facility in Plymouth Township.

Senate Bill 982 calls for a 50 cents per ton fee on all municipal solid waste delivered to Pennsylvania landfills and resource recovery facilities, except on waste coming from the respective host municipalities. Because the Authority's agreement with MMLP makes the Authority responsible for costs incurred due to changes-in-law, the Authority would have to reimburse MMLP 50 cents per ton on Eastern District waste. Not including Plymouth Township's host municipality waste deliveries, this amounts to approximately $177,000.00 per year on 354,000 tons. Over the remaining eleven (11) years of Authority/MMLP Service Agreement, this represents approximately $2,000,000.00 in additional fees.

The intent of Senate Bill 982 seems to be to provide a monetary benefit to municipalities within five (5) miles of the host municipalities through which waste travels to the landfills and resource recovery facilities. As the bill is written, this can be interpreted to include most, if not all, municipalities within five miles of a host municipality, since trash is generated, collected and transported in virtually all municipalities.

There are 22 Montgomery County municipalities located within five miles of the host municipality (Plymouth Township) that may be eligible for a share of the $177,000.00 annually. Seventeen of these municipalities are participating Authority municipalities responsible for paying the additional fee. Ironically, while the City of Philadelphia and some Chester and Delaware municipalities may also be eligible for a share of the pot, five other participating Montgomery County municipalities situated beyond the five-mile limit are ineligible to share.

At $83.00 per ton, eastern Montgomery County residents, businesses and municipalities already pay the highest municipal solid waste tipping fees in Pennsylvania. These fees would be even higher if it were not for the commitment and solidarity of all the 22 participating municipalities. While 50 cents per ton may not seem to be a lot of money, it may be a bitter and divisive pill to swallow.

For the reasons outlined above, the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County respectfully requests that Senate Bill 982 be reconsidered by its sponsors.

Sincerely,

Timothy T. Hartman

Timothy T. Hartman
Executive Director

cc: Commissioner Matthews, Chairman
Commissioner Ellis
Commissioner Damsker
WSA Board Members
Participating Municipalities

Attach.

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Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County
Participating Municipalities

Abington
Ambler
Bryn Athyn
Conshohocken
East Norriton
Hatboro*
Horsham*
Jenkintown
Lower Merion
Lower Moreland*
Narberth*
Norristown
Plymouth
Rockledge
Springfield
Upper Dublin
Upper Merion
Upper Moreland*
West Conshohocken
Whitemarsh
Whitpain

* - Ineligible to share

Non-Participating Municipalities Eligible to Share

Chester County
Delaware County
Lower Gwynedd
Lower Providence
Philadelphia
Upper Gwynedd
West Norriton
Worcester

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2004

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Taggart, Councilpersons Acker, Cornell, Strang, Vasoli, and Zygmont, Mayor Celano, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, and Borough Manager Pantano.

ABSENT
Treasurer McKean.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:36 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **January minutes**. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that page 5 should read "Borough Manager is evaluated." PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK received a letter of resignation from John Taggart regarding his work for the **Civil Service Commission**. President Clark thanked John Taggart for his work on that commission.

PRESIDENT CLARK also received a letter sent by the Borough Manager to **PECO** regarding the way the situation was handled on February 6th and 7th.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he had a few things tonight. An application for the **PHEAA Grant** was submitted. This program would provide funds to cover wages for students working in the Borough in the summer. The grant would cover a percentage of the actual wages paid. In order to be eligible for the program, the student must be an eligible fulltime student. This is a reimbursable program therefore the funds would come back after the employee was paid. There are a number of requirements needed for this but we feel we could meet them provided we get the grant. The idea for the utilization of the funds would be for pool staffing. That would fit into this type of program. PRESIDENT CLARK asked what the Borough's portion of the grant would be. Borough Manager Pantano believes that the grant is 40% of the actual costs. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI explained that the way the program works, the employee is hired and paid by the Borough and at the end the Borough would receive 40% of the wages. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that they did this at the library and it worked out very well. COUNCILPERSON STRANG asked if the students were only residents of Hatboro or if they were also from other communities. Borough Manager Pantano said they do not have to be residents of Hatboro. Councilperson Zygmont asked if it said when they would approve the grant. Borough Manager Pantano said he did not know when they would do that.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported on the **2004 CDBG Program**. The contracts have been signed and submitted to the County. Today he received the returned copy of the executed documents where the County has signed off on everything. We can now go forward with the engineering and design work. We can't, however, start work until the environmental clearance is done. The County handles all of that. We can move forward with the bidding process.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO spoke about the emergency situation with the **Borough Hall boiler**. There was a serious leak in the boiler. It was not able to be repaired. We had to bring in

an emergency boiler to provide heat for several weeks, while the new boiler was being put in. Borough Manager Pantano does have a claim into the insurance company for the cost of this, since it was a sudden occurrence. He has not yet heard from them yet. He has dealt with at least four different adjusters to date. In the meantime we will have to figure out where to come up with the funds. His ideas were outlined in his manager's report. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if there was regular maintenance on the boiler. Borough Manager Pantano said yes. Councilperson Zygmont asked if they noticed it. Borough Manager Pantano said they caught the crack when it cracked. It normally operates with fifteen pounds of pressure so if it cracks then it would be leaking. They were actually in the day before and there wasn't a problem. Councilperson Zygmont asked if there was a warranty. Borough Manager Pantano said no. COUNCILPERSON STRANG asked if the $26,000 placed in escrow from **Commerce Bank** was from the traffic lights. Borough Manager Pantano said no, that was from the old grant that we found out about last year, which was never closed out. It was for road reconstruction about five-years ago. When the grant came in, since it was for road improvements, Borough Manager Pantano put it in the Road Improvement Fund. Borough Manager Pantano added that the money from the traffic lights was a separate $110,000.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that the **Tanner Park Project** is complete. Councilperson Zygmont previously asked about a drain hole in the retaining wall. Upon investigating that it was found that the drain was not tied into any type of drainage system. There will not be a continuous water flow coming out of there when it rains.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that we have been talking about recycling. We received this year's **Recycle Performance Grant** reimbursement in the amount of $10,591. Last year it was $6,877. The year before was $5,971. We have been progressively increasing on the amount of recycling we have been doing. Obviously it's not to our satisfaction yet but it's a positive trend. Borough Manager Pantano said we would like to get the businesses to help with their recyclables. We primarily deal with the haulers to get their information because we are credited for the recycling that the businesses do, as well as the residential customers. There might be some haulers out there that we are not aware of and if we can put their information onto the grant application then we might get additional funds.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned the **NPDES Stormwater Permit.** There has been a lot of discussion about this over the past few years. The regulations are kicking in this year. We did receive the MPD permit for stormwater discharge in January. There are a number of things that need to be done this year. We did get the one-year extension on some of the implementation deadlines, however, we really should go forward with the majority of the first year's requirements. This is an important project and it's been in the works for a number of years. They are phasing it in over a five-year period. The first year of the program will include public involvement and participation, a public outreach program, we have to complete the maps of all of our outfall sewers, and we need to enact an Erosion Control Ordinance. The ordinance is one of the things that we were granted the extension on but Borough Manager Pantano would like to go forward with it this year, thereby staying on the original schedule. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that she found a good website with power point slides. She said she would forward it to Borough Manager Pantano as soon as possible.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the **Liquid Fuels Report** has been completed and submitted for this year. We used a total of $108,296 towards road maintenance this past year.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained that the **banner schedule** was an issue recently. He was provided with a completed schedule. It will be put on next month's committee meeting agenda. The banners on the list are the general banners. Anything out of the ordinary would have to be submitted for approval to Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO sent out the letters to **Senator Greenleaf** and **Senator Rafferty**.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reminded everyone that next week is the **County Borough Association Dinner**, which Hatboro is sponsoring this year. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if Borough Manager Pantano could forward the invitations to the other places. Borough Manager Pantano said yes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dave Shannon stated that, on behalf of the Borough Historians, he has expressed the interest in being a part of the **Revitalization Plan**. He submitted a report, which was attached to the proposal. They assured Mr. Shannon that historic preservation would be included in the report. Dave Shannon added that we have a very good reason to implement this program right now. The Borough will be celebrating its 290th anniversary. The Union Library will be celebrating its 250th anniversary. He also stated that the Borough Historians, need a **recommitment letter** from Borough Council. The Millbrook Society has not received such a document in about four years. PRESIDENT CLARK said he would see that the letter is generated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PRESIDENT CLARK reported the interest credited for the month, from Commerce Bank, was $1,842.50. Average rate for December was 1.29%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the **bills** and manual **check list**. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked about the **swim pool water usage** for the Aqua Pennsylvania bill. She asked if that was for the well. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO said no, we own the well. Councilperson Zygmont stated that she thought the water would be shut off. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that it is shut off. Borough Manager Pantano said he would have to check that but it was probably their minimum charge and it is usually dependent upon the size of the meter. Councilperson Zygmont stated that the **radio frequency line** for the Verizon bill is something new and she asked Chief Gardner to explain it. CHIEF GARDNER stated that it's always been on there as a monthly bill of $60.20. It is for the police radio system and the emergency management system. There is a repeater in the Garner House, which boosts a signal to that. There is a phone line, which runs from the police station to the Garner House. This fee is to rent that line. Councilperson Zygmont asked about **Zoom and Drain Sewer Services**. She asked if that was due to the boiler. Superintendent Stauch stated that it was for the drains in the public works building. They have to be cleaned out because of the soot. Councilperson Zygmont asked how many drains they have up there. Superintendent Stauch stated that the drain goes from one end of the shop to the outside of the building. President Clark made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR CELANO wished Councilperson Cornell the best with her upcoming **election**.

MAYOR CELANO welcomed the new reporter from the **Public Spirit**.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER, per Councilperson Zygmont's request, made request of attorney to forward closing documents for the **Streetscape Project** to Hatboro. He has not yet heard any response from that request.

SOLICITOR MEYER rendered a legal opinion on the **Independence Avenue** issue regarding the street being ordained but not paved or an open street.

SOLICITOR MEYER rendered a legal opinion regarding the **Sprint Tower contract**. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if Council would receive a copy of the Sprint contract. Solicitor Meyer explained that Borough Manager Pantano is working on that. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he has to review Solicitor Meyer's review but Council is certainly welcome to look at it. He added that it's not something that he would recommend approving right now as it is a first shot at a sample contract. He believes we have a long way to go on getting the wording completed properly. Solicitor Meyer agreed that there are quite a few problems with the contract.

SOLICITOR MEYER rendered a legal opinion regarding the **Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code Act** and implementation.

SOLICITOR MEYER rendered a legal opinion regarding a Hatboro citation of a title company regarding their failure to obtain a **use and occupancy permit**.

SOLICITOR MEYER drafted an ordinance regarding the **trash fee**.

SOLICITOR MEYER is continuing to correspond with the attorney for landlord of the **Queen Bee Sauna**. The landlord will do what he has to do to have the tenant removed if they are found in violation. Solicitor Meyer asked Zoning Officer Heller to go to the site to note if there are any building or zoning violations.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GARDNER explained that a senior citizen in Hatboro who was a victim of a **telephone scam (fraud)**. She received a call from an individual claiming to be from a Clearing House company telling her that she won a substantial amount of money. The individual asked the citizen to send him several thousand dollars in several installments to cover the taxes for the winnings. Unfortunately, the citizen sent the money to Canada. Currently the Police Department is investigating a theft of over $10,000 from that case. Last week, the Police Department received a second complaint. Fortunately a business owner in Hatboro noticed when a senior citizen was trying to purchase a money order to pay for another scam, thereby preventing a loss of any money. This was also a telephone scam and the caller asked the resident to send in thousands of dollars to a city in Israel. Chief Gardner does not believe these cases are connected, however, he would like to remind everyone that if it sounds too good on the phone then it probably is. He encouraged anyone who receives a call like this to contact the Police Department. They are seemingly targeting senior citizens and he does not want to see anyone else victimized by this scheme. Chief Gardner stated that this is especially troublesome because they are targeting people who are especially vulnerable. The Police Department has done work on this and the F.B.I. is also aware of it. It's going on throughout the country.

CHIEF GARDNER explained that there was a recent tragedy in Warminster Township where a young child was killed on a **motorized scooter**. The child was from Hatboro. Chief Gardner sent out heartfelt condolences to the family, on behalf of the Police Department and the entire Borough. He pointed out that there have been problems with the motorized scooters in the past. As far as he is concerned they are illegal by the Vehicle Code if they are operated on the street or public property. There is an ordinance regarding them within Chapter 15. This ordinance prohibits motorized scooters on sidewalks. If you want to drive a motorized scooter on your driveway or on a closed lot (not open to any traffic or thoroughfare), and you have permission to use the lot then the responsibility is on the child and the parents. If they are operated on the highway or road, however, then they are subject to the same requirements as any motor vehicle. Although they cannot be registered in Pennsylvania because there is no provision under PennDot regulations within the Vehicle Code, they are subject to the same licensing, insurance, and registration requirements as any motorized vehicle. In his opinion, they cannot be operated legally on the streets. Chief Gardner added that an enforcement strategy would be to issue warnings when appropriate. If there is an ongoing situation with the same person then they would be issued a

citation. COUNCILPERSON STRANG asked if there was an ordinance on the streets. Chief Gardner stated that in his opinion it is covered under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. He pointed out that the scooters have gas-operated engines on the back, therefore they are different from bicycles. COUNCILPERSON CORNELL mentioned that based on her own experiences, the stores do not tell you how to use them legally. Chief Gardner added that he would also recommend a helmet on any user of the motorized scooters.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report in advance.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK introduced representatives from the Chamber of Commerce. Barbara Davis read a letter to Chief Gardner:

> The **Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce** is pleased to present to you this evening a check in the amount of $1,400 for the police department **trading card program**. This check represents the total dollars collected by the Chamber, from merchants and residents in the Hatboro area, to help support the printing of new cards for the officers on the force. The Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be able help in this program. The children in our community benefit from getting to know the officers through the trading card program, so much so that they gave their own dollars at the Halloween Stroll and were able to partially sponsor one of the officers themselves.

CHIEF GARDNER thanked all of the businesses who donated to this program. He thanked Barbara Davis for putting it together and Joe Tryon for funding the program. The program was started about three or four years ago and there have been some changes in the Police Department. There are several new officers without cards. The cards will now able to be updated to reflect the current information.

John Bethard, Chairman of the Hatboro Parade, announced that there is an award given out to a person or a group of individuals who helped with the parade. This year the award is going to **Hatboro Public Works**. He added that without Public Works there would not be a parade. Anything they are asked to do, including blocking streets and putting up signage, is taken care of. John Bethard read the award:

> The Seventh Annual Bud Aiken Award is presented to the Hatboro Public Works Department for many years of dedicated service to the Hatboro Holiday Parade.

President Clark thanked the representatives from the Chamber of Commerce for coming out to the meeting. He also thanked Chief Gardner and Superintendent Stauch for the way they have distinguished themselves in the community.

PRESIDENT CLARK announced that Council held interviews last week for various vacancies. He explained that the applicants were truly outstanding. President Clark made a MOTION to appoint **Al Zollers** to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to appoint **Laurie Vasoli** to the Library Board for a three-year term. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART. With a vote of 6-0, having Councilperson Vasoli abstaining from the vote, this motion was APPROVED.

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to appoint **Walter Kenney** as a member of the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON STRANG and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Dr. Strang

COUNCILPERSON STRANG stated that they intended to discuss the **trash ordinance** and the fees. They would like to table the discussion until a future meeting.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Relations– Ms. Cornell
COUNCILPERSON VASOLI spoke about the **Borough News Magazine**. He explained that it has a calendar of events. They are currently working with Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce to come up with a list of Hatboro events so they may be posted in the magazine.

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL spoke to Kathy Rusch, Main Street Manager, about the **Spring Fling** and the **5K run**. She mentioned that there are various sponsors, throughout the year, for the many events and she encouraged everyone to support them. Kathy Rusch pointed out that they can table the 5K run, since they have met with Chief Gardner last week and they came up with exciting ideas to go forward with. She mentioned that the date is set for April 3rd with a rain date of April 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m. PRESIDENT CLARK clarified that Council would have to make a motion showing Council support of Main Street's Spring Fling. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO noted that they also want to use Miller Meadow and are requesting relief from the fee of using Miller Meadow as well. He explained that Main Street has advertising requirements and they need to move forward with this, which is why this was placed on the agenda without being on the committee meeting agenda first. Kathy Rusch explained that there will be 6,000 Easter eggs for the community egg hunt at Miller Meadow. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that they already filled out the event request form. COUNCILPERSON ACKER pointed out that they will need the trash receptacles to be at Miller Meadow. Councilperson Cornell made a MOTION to approve the request for Miller Meadow for the Easter egg hunt, having the fee for the use of Miller Meadow waived. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON STRANG and was approved by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL announced that the Parks and Recreation committee met with representatives from the **YMCA** tonight. As of right now, they are looking into holding three swim meets at the **Hatboro Memorial Pool**. She explained that we will wait for a written proposal from them to ensure that it will not interfere with the Hatboro Pool services. The YMCA has offered their outside pool to the Hatboro Memorial Pool members for those three evenings. She reiterated that all of the details still need to be refined and mentioned that they will be working with the Hatboro Pool Parents Association. Councilperson Cornell added that Councilperson Vasoli had an idea to work out something tangible, such as pool umbrellas, in exchange for the time they will use at Hatboro Memorial Pool.

Health & Environment – Mrs. Zygmont
COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT received a copy of the **DEP Inspection Report**, regarding the recent **oil spill**, from Superintendent Stauch. The homeowners were in violation of the Clear Stream Law. DEP will not be charging a fine but they will be required to send an incident report. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH explained that the Fish and Game Commission will fine the homeowners. Councilperson Zygmont added that Superintendent Stauch will contact the Fish and Game Commission for a report.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if Superintendent Stauch had an update on **PECO** working outside of Lochel's Restaurant. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that they poured the concrete today and they are almost completed.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT announced that she wants to remove herself from the **Public Works' Negotiating Team**.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART made a MOTION to accept the **Emergency Management Mutual Aide Agreement**. He pointed out that it was discussed at the last committee meeting. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that they needed a resolution if they are going to adopt it. Vice President Taggart decided to table this decision until March. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that all of the legal work would be completed by the Upper Dublin Township Solicitor.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he had nothing to discuss at this time.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Vasoli
COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that he and Borough Manager Pantano met with representatives from **Main Street Hatboro**. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if there would be a representative from Council regularly attending the Main Street meetings. Councilperson Vasoli said that was a good idea.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI gave background on the resolution regarding the **Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan**. In January/February 2003 the Borough started the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan as the original plan dates back to 1972. The Borough also worked on the Revitalization Plan, which is imperative for the Borough to become available for county revitalization funds. There have been three public meetings and tonight's meeting is a continuation of the fourth public meeting, which was started on February 19th. Councilperson Vasoli explained that the consultant's, that evening, gave a quick overview of the plan. The plan talks about housing, economic development, looking at the Borough's Zoning and Sub-Division regulations, and providing a vision of Hatboro to move forward. Councilperson Vasoli and Borough Manager Pantano attended the County Fire Academy, where they had a seminar on county revitalization. Dave Shannon asked if there was an addendum to that report discussing historical preservation since it is not addressed in the report. Councilperson Vasoli stated that both the addendum and the main body address historic preservation, namely on page 20 number 6. He added that there are some specifics and some broad references. It is not a bids and specs document, rather it gives a vision to planning. Councilperson Vasoli asked for comments from Council and the public. There were no comments at this time. Councilperson Vasoli made a MOTION to close the meeting for the Revitalization Plan. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously. Councilperson Vasoli thanked the many people involved in the Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan. He then read the Resolution regarding the Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan. Councilperson Vasoli made a MOTION to adopt the Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that **Cobblestone Properties** has submitted a Zoning Hearing Board application for **399 North York Road**. He mentioned that it was on the agenda tonight so Council could decide whether or not they want to send a representative to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting. He does not, however, feel it is necessary. Councilperson Vasoli explained that there were parking concerns and the applicant has worked to increase the parking, within the development, without going onto Home Road. Richard Betz verified that there is additional parking without going onto Home Road. COUNCILPERSON CORNELL asked how many additional parking spaces have been added. Councilperson Vasoli stated that there are tentatively five additional parking spaces, which is over and above the required parking for that use.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI said **Impact Thrift** also submitted an application to the Zoning Hearing Board. Paul Bower and Al Chegan were the representatives, in attendance, from Impact Thrift. Councilperson Vasoli explained that paving was an issue, but the ordinance requires paving, not stone, therefore it is not an issue. There is, however, an issue regarding the façade. Currently the building is a brick material. The Applicant is not building a bricks and mortar structure for the addition. Rather, they are constructing a steel fabricated building. They will not meet the buffer requirements. Councilperson Vasoli recommended sending Solicitor Meyer to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting regarding this application. Councilperson Vasoli made a MOTION to authorize Solicitor Meyer to the Zoning Hearing Board. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously. SOLICITOR MEYER verified that he was representing Council's request to have the façade made out of a brick material and if they agree upon that then Council has no objection to the application. Councilperson Vasoli clarified that the front-loading zone being eliminated should also be discussed.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI announced that he would be attending a program regarding the **Elm Street Program**. It is a program that the was started to help the areas of a municipality away from the downtown.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI noted that there is an **Open Space presentation** on Thursday from 1-4 and from 6-9. He will try to attend as it opens up the door for Open Space grants. These grants can be used for many activities, not just for the acquisition of land.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Rick Meyers, Earl Lane, asked if the grant writing process would include creating new open space on **Jacksonville Road**. He asked if the grants would cover the cost of demolition and clean-up. He is concerned about new businesses not wanting to go into that area. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that he hopes it will be covered at the presentation. Dave Shannon stated that the funding can be used for acquisition but he doesn't think it can be used for maintenance, restoration, or demolition.

Ken Bishop, Hatboro Jewelers, stated that he walked to the area behind **Impact Thrift** and he was shocked at the condition of the area. He explained that there was graffiti all over. He said it is a disgrace. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he walked up there yesterday so he understands what he is saying.

Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, stated that he understands that we have approved the **Revitalization/Comprehensive Plan**. He asked at what point we look at Cobblestone Properties and the area behind Impact Thrift as far as how they fit into the plan. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that as the plans come in, the Borough should look at how they fit into the vision. If the project meets the zoning requirements then the Borough can't do anything. The Borough is, however, revising the Zoning and Subdivision books.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clark then adjourned the February Council meeting at 8:53 p.m. President Clark announced an executive session regarding negotiations and personnel issues, which would begin in five minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Month of: February 2004

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	31	64
Tons of Trash	210.32	437.63
Tons of Glass and Cans	12.11	26.97
Street Opening Permits	1	1
Street Opening Fees Collected	$100	$100
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	1	3
Sidewalk/Curb Fees Collected	$35	$140
Large Article Pick-up Stops	22	44
Number of Large Article Picked Up	55	98
Newspaper Tonnage Collected	22.35	46.59
Grass/Leaves Tonnage Collected	11.10	31.86
Tires Recycled and Cost		
Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of above		

Remarks: TRASH & RECYLE COMPARRISION 2002 - 2003 - 2004

Tonnage	Trash	Cans/Glass	Grass/Leaves	Newspapers
2002	483.62	29.89	13.40	43.82
2003	452.33	21.30	13.75	46.18
2004	437.63	26.97	31.86	46.59

NOTE: numbers above are for January and February for all three years.

NORTH BOROUGH PARKING LOT MONTH & YEAR 2-Feb

PARKING VIOLATION

DATE	TIME	TICKET NUMBER	LICENCE NUMBER	MAKE & COLOR	WIN	LOST	METER
2/5/2004	13		DSK-0827	HONDA			NOSPACE
2/10/2004	13.18		FHJ-6156	HONDA			9
2/10/2004	13.18		DKB-6232	FORD			12
2/11/2004	13.05		FBM-0092	MITSUBISHI			77-78
2/11/2004	13.05		MYPROTJ	MAZDA			66
2/19/2004	13.04		EPR-3572	JEEP			28
2/19/2004	13.04		DLB-8156	TOYOTA			88
2/20/2004	13		DFD-7856	HONDA			95
2/26/2004	13.21		YJ2-8439	FORD			

YEAR	$40.00
MONTH	$90.00
YEAR	$130.00

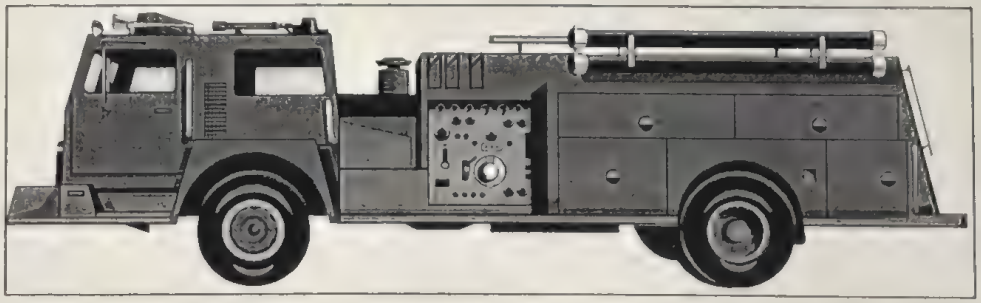
4-Feb

35-D	28.2	15.9													44.1
36-D	18.2	23.8													
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	46.4	39.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86.1

TOTAL DIESEL	86.1
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	78.35

34-G	27.1														
38-G	4.6														
39-G	15.4	18.3	18												
40-G	8.6	7.6	18.9												
46-G															
TOTAL	55.7	25.9	36.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118.50

TOTAL GAS	118.50
GAS @ $1.05 A GALLON	124.43

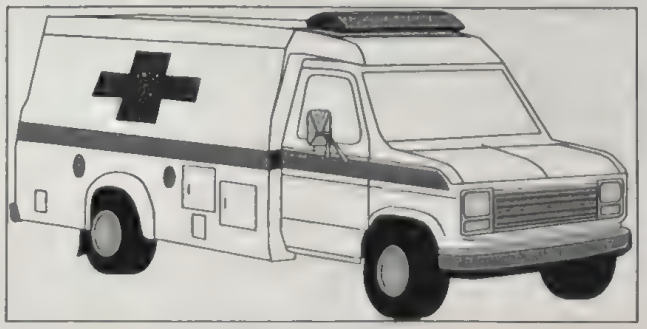


4-Feb

32-G															0	
33-G	20.1														20.1	20.1
31D	30.8	7.3													38.1	
30-D	16.3	15.5	19	21.2											72	110.1

TOTAL DIESEL	110.1
DIESEL @ $.91 A GALLON	$100.19

TOTAL GASOLINE	20.1
GASOLINE @ $1.05 A GALLON	$21.11



DIESEL

9-21-D	27.2	23	26.6	22.1	27.6	21.5									
11-1-D															
17-8-D															
18-9-D	34.3	22.7	45.8												
20-12-D															
21-13-D	30.2	24.1	31.7												
26-14-D															
23-15-D	51.3	23	26.8												
24-16-D	37.7	21.6	13.9	36.7	18.3	28	22.7								
25-17-D															
30-M-D															
43-2-D	29.8	26.7													
44-D															
TOTALS	210.5	141.1	144.8	58.8	45.9	49.5	22.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	673.3

4-Feb

GASOLINE

13-3-G	17.3	31.3	28												
10-3A-G	15.5	16.4													
15-4-G	25.6	39.8	12.7	35.8	11.6										
16-7-G	20.5														
19-11-G															
27-20-G	12.3	13.4	12.7	11.6	9.3										
28-59-G	25	16	25.8												
29-M-G															
42-24-G	18.4	19.1													
47-G	48.7														
48-G															
49-G	25.7	5.6	28.8												
50-G															
TOTALS	209	141.6	108	47.4	20.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	526.9

GASOLINE	526.9
$1.05 A GALLON	553.25

DIESEL	673.3
$.91 A GALLON	612.70

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

4-Feb

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0	15.7	4 1	4.9	3 6	18	13.7	6.7	
	13.9	8.1	13.1	8.9	6.1	13 4	6	
		6 2	5.6	18.4	8.4	10 2	6 5	
		6 2	7.9	18.8	14.7	10.7	14.4	
		9.2	18.3		3.3	5.5	5 1	
		6	5.3		8 6	6 8	6.9	
		6.2	6.9		6.9	6.1	4.9	
		7.8	7.1		5.2	10.9	6.8	
		6.7	8.5		6.5	5.6	6.9	
		11.5	13.6			17.1	10.2	
		13.3	6.7			8.9	5.6	
		13.6	12.8				4.5	
		4.1	6.2				7.1	
		9.7	6.5				4.7	
		7.6	8.3				8.1	
		11.5	8.2				5.9	
		14.2	12.8				8.1	
		4.1	5.9				5.3	
			7.6				9.7	
			6.7				6	
			6.8				7.5	
			11.3				6.3	
			5				6.9	
			5.3				4.6	
			7.1				4.2	
			6.3				8.4	
			3.7				5.1	
			7.1				5.8	
			6.4				6.3	
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							5.1	
							9.7	
							4.3	
							9.2	
							4.5	
							4.6	
0	29.6	150.1	231.9	49.7	77.7	108.9	240.9	888.8

Total Gasoline 888.8

at 1.05 gal = $933.24

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF
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MONTHLY FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Month of: February 2004

	This Month	Year to Date
Inspections	24	30
Re-inspections	0	0
Fire Investigations	8	24
Special Service	2	7
Fire Reports Issued	0	0
Permits Issued	0	2
Permit Fees Collected	0	$125
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	0
Inspection Fees Collected	**$359**	**$484**
Use and Occupancy Inspections	**3**	**5**
Use and Occupancy Re-inspections	**1**	**1**
Use and Occupancy Fees	**$990**	**$1,300**
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	**0**	**0**
Total Fees Collected	**$1,349**	**$1,909**

Remarks:

FIRE MARSHAL HOURS

	Inspt.	Invest.	Special Service	Totals
Stauch	**2:25**	**12:40**	**4:30**	**19:35**
Thomas	**1:25**	**1:35**	**4:30**	**7:30**
Reading	**2:35**	**:50**	**1:30**	**4:35**
Lefebvre	**:00**	**:00**	**1:30**	**1:30**
Totals	**6:25**	**14:50**	**12:00**	**33:15**

SUMMARY OF TRASH AND RECYCLE COMPARRISON

FROM JANUARY TO FEBUARY OF 2002 / 2003 / 2004

TRASH TONNAGE: 2004 difference to 2002 45.99 tons less, 2003 14.70 tons less

GLASS / CANS TONNAGE: 2004 difference to 2002 2.92 tons less, 2003 5.97 tons more

GRASS / LEAVES TONNAGE: 2004 difference to 2002 18.46 tons more, 2003 18.11 tons more

NEWSPAPERS TONNAGE: 2004 difference to 2002 2.77 tons more, 2003 .41 tons more

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 22, 2004

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Taggart, Councilpersons Acker, Cornell, Vasoli, and Zygmont, Treasurer McKean, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, and Borough Manager Pantano.

ABSENT
Councilperson Strang and Mayor Celano.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:31 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **February minutes**. PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report on at this time.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he had just a few items tonight. He added that Council is in receipt of his full report which has more specific details on what he will review quickly. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the first meeting on the **Peer-to-Peer Project** was held. The next meeting will be held on April 8th.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reported that we have been applying to the **Historical Museum Commission** for a grant for Borough Hall every year for years now. He recently met with one of the commissioners from the Museum Commission to try to improve the grant.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO spoke about the **Revitalization Grant applications** which are on the agenda.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that we received approval for the **PHEAA Grant** for our part-time summer help. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if the employee is paid directly. Borough Manager Pantano explained that there are two different programs. One is when you pay the employee directly and then get reimbursed by the state and the other way is when they are placed through a cooperative school then the school pays them directly. He added that we applied for both and were granted both. Councilperson Zygmont asked what would happen if the YMCA manages the pool. Borough Manager Pantano stated that he would check with the State to see how that would work since that is a new idea that has come up since this grant was originally applied for.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that the County Vision Endorsement Resolution is on the agenda. We get an initial 10% match if Council passes that resolution.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO mentioned the **CDBG** for 2004 construction should be getting underway shortly. We received the notification from the County to proceed with the bidding. For next year's grant, which is also on the agenda, we plan on completing the additional in the area, which includes Central Avenue and Lacey Street.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that he received notification that they received our **pool application** and assigned us an application number therefore we can track it if necessary.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained that the **Tanner Park retaining wall** is on the agenda for approval of the payment for the contractors. This has been inspected by the engineers and we are keeping a 5% retainer to assure that the landscaping is done in the spring.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO previously sent out a letter to **PECO** expressing our displeasure about their emergency response. He received correspondence from a PECO representative and has set up a meeting with him on March 24th. We will see what their future procedures will be for emergency responses.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO has been working with **Comcast Negotiations** and Solicitor Meyer to get that going.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO discussed the **M.E.A. Land Records Systems Software**. This is the software that enables us to put all of the data on the computer as far as residents and renters. This will hopefully be beneficial in tracking for Earned Income Taxes.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO reminded everyone that the **parking fee** at the Borough train station parking lot will be going up to $1.00 per day on April 1st.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO announced that we had to issue 19 citations to residents who have not paid their **2003 refuse fees**. He suspects that there will only be 2 or 3 not paying by the end of the citation process.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO is in receipt of the **Loller Building renovations** cost estimates.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO provided the comments to a Sprint representative regarding the **cell tower**.

BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO attended a **Recycle Grant Seminar** last week. One of the big things that came out of it was the information he needs in order to apply for a recycle truck for the Borough. That would be 90% funding.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the bills and manual check list. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked the Temple Ambler invoice was a yearly rate. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that last year John Grainger came in to give a presentation on what they would be doing. He is hoping that this is our only cost because we have been getting a number of grants from the State and Federal Government to do this. He added that it was budgeted in last year's budget and likewise it was charged to last year's budget. If all of the grants go through then there could be an additional expense this year. President Clark made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 02/29/04 the balances invested in the Commerce Bank totaled $1,524,613.80. Interest credited for the month was $1,539.28. Average yield for February was 1.2%.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER, at the direction of Council, appeared before the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the **Impact Thrift addition**. He requested Council's preference for the brick façade and has not yet heard if anything was decided.

SOLICITOR MEYER stated that Mr. Demcisak filed suit against McDonalds on behalf of the Kayak's in 1997. This suit was filed because when McDonalds renovated their restaurant, they put the trash corral adjacent to the Kayak's property. The suit was filed for adverse possession. They have since obtained a stipulation agreement. The court order noted that two small pieces of ground would be transferred to the Kayak's. McDonalds will now move their container to a separate part of the property. Historically on a minor subdivision, we have gone through the minor subdivision plan with the Borough Engineer. Mr. Demcisak is requesting that the minor subdivision be waived. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he feels the committee members should take a look at the site before making a decision on this request.

SOLICITOR MEYER reported on the **Queen Bee Sauna**. They continued their hearing to later in the week. Solicitor Meyer contacted the attorney representing Queen Bee sauna. He may file a complaint to have Queen Bee Sauna held in contempt of continuation of the violation of the order entered into in the early 90's. COUNCILPERSON ACKER asked when the hearing would be held. CHIEF GARDNER stated that it's scheduled for March 25th. Councilperson Acker encouraged anyone available to attend the hearing.

SOLICITOR MEYER called the attorney for **Carr & Duff** regarding their final closeout.

SOLICITOR MEYER contacted the attorney for Upper Dublin in reference to the **Mutual Aide Agreement**. Solicitor Meyer believes that we should go ahead and make the recommendations.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF GARDNER stated that he has spoken about the County **MDT** (Mobile Data Terminal) Project and **CAD** (Computer Aided Dispatch) Project before. The County plans on updating the computer terminals by the end of the year. The **D.C.E.D. Grant** application is completed and he will drop it off at State Representative Cornell's office later in the week.

CHIEF GARDNER will be attending a seminar on Wednesday in Fort Washington. The seminar is for updates to **Civil Service Rules and Regulations**. Our Civil Service Regulations were adopted in 1983 therefore there is a good likelihood that there will be several items needing to be updated. He will share any information regarding updates with the Public Safety Committee.

CHIEF GARDNER reiterated that the hearing for the **Queen Bee Sauna** will be held on March 25th and the police department will have a presence there. They have obtained some certified documents from the Clerk of Courts, which may be germane to this case. They will be working with the Plaintiff's attorney (the landlord) in presenting the case.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report in advance. He added that there is an **Emergency Management staff meeting** on Wednesday at 9:15.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report in advance.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Dr. Clark

PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the **Tanner Park Retaining Wall** payment of 95%, holding 5% until the landscaping portion is completed. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Budget & Insurance – Dr. Strang
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 2004-07**, appointing the **auditor France, Anderson, Basile and Company P.C.** for a period of one year. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve **Resolution 2004-04** regarding **Pension Smoothing**. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained that every year the Borough is required to make a contribution to the pension program based on an actuarial calculation done. The actuarial calculations are based on an actuarial report done every two years. In the report, it assumes certain asset values and certain percentage increases that you assume as years go on. As a result of the bad market we have had, the calculations for the pension contribution have become very large. One of the ways of addressing that problem is to make certain assumptions that you have more assets than are in the plan. This would assume the intention that the interest rates will be higher in future years, thereby making up for the downturn. Despite the recent low years, 2003 had over a 20% return in both **Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans**. This program takes the assets as 115% of what they really are so the calculations go down a little bit, with the expectations that the interest rates will go up again. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI added that this is a reasonable course for the Borough to take. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Relations– Ms. Cornell
COUNCILPERSON CORNELL made a MOTION to approve the **2004 Moonlight Memories Car Show** on July 31st. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL made a MOTION to approve **Bid$ & Bites** on May 23rd. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL made a MOTION to approve the **2004 banner list**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL made a MOTION to adopt the **Website Maintenance Agreement** provided by Jim Northcott. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Health & Environment – Mrs. Zygmont
COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT made a MOTION to approve the 2004 contract for **The Goose Guys** in the amount of $750. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART made a MOTION to adopt the **Mutual Aide Agreement**. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to approve the **Traffic Light Project Agreement Proposal** for every intersection on York Road. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON CORNELL and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Vasoli
COUNCILPERSON VASOLI made a MOTION to adopt the **County Vision Plan Resolution 2004-05**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI made a MOTION to APPROVE **Resolution 2004-06** for the **Revitalization Grant Application**. Councilperson Vasoli asked for public comment. He explained that improvements are proposed for the Wachovia parking lot (landscaping). This would also include a Borough match of the funds. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if it was a correct figure. Councilperson Vasoli said yes, as it is now. He stated that the southern gateway to Hatboro is also included as an improvement. This includes signage coming into the Borough as well as signage to the parking areas. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI discussed the **Elm Street Program**. He stated that we are moving ahead with completing the very detailed and complex grant application. Councilperson Vasoli stated that we have fortunately had a lot of assistance from the Main Street Manager. This grant application will include a few different items. This will include the Jacksonville Road area where there is a developer interested in developing the old Santerians Warehouse site, now called Stove Works. If approved, this construction grant application is in the amount of $250,000. There might also be funding for an Elm Street Manager, which would be similar to the Main Street Manager. Funding may also be available for planning. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO explained that this had to be mentioned tonight because the application is due prior to the next Committee meeting. We have been doing well with these over the past three years. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that many of these grants are due around the same time and it puts a lot of pressure on the administration office. He thanked Borough Manager Pantano and everyone else who was instrumental in making sure everything was taken care of within the time constraints.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI passed around a draft of the **website map**. He noted that Brian Meck, resident, donated his time to putting this map of the Borough together. He will ask the separate departments for their input before putting this into a final draft.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILPERSON CORNELL read a letter to President Clark:

> It is with mixed emotions I write this letter to officially give my resignation to Hatboro Borough Council. Tomorrow I am going to be sworn in is as the newest member in the House of Representatives. While I am extremely honored to hold the new position on the State level, I will miss the company and dedication of Council and all other Borough employees. Fortunately, I will still be able to serve Hatboro, just in a different capacity. I am confident that between the dedication of the Borough and all of its departments, along with my efforts on the State level, we can continue the first rate representation of Hatboro. Thank you Dr. Clark, Mayor Celano, and all of the members of Council for the opportunity to serve with such a fine group.

PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he knows that Councilperson Cornell's tenure on Council has been short, however, she has added a lot of enthusiasm and brought along a lot of excellent ideas to put us on a good course. He added that everyone will miss her in Hatboro as she goes on to represent a much larger portion of the community. He wished her the best in her endeavors. VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART stated that he hasn't known Councilperson Cornell for a long time but the one quality she has, which is just like her dad, is if you know her for five minutes then you feel like you have known her for your entire life. Through the years, he considers Councilperson Cornell a friend of himself and Hatboro. He knows that she will make everyone proud. Her love for the community resonates from her. Vice President Taggart is really happy for her and thankful that she took on both running for Council and the State Representative positions. He added that he admires her work ethic and dedication to Hatboro. It's simply unprecedented. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that the Borough of Hatboro is very fortunate to have Councilperson Cornell going to Harrisburg. He is sure she will be a fine addition at the State House of Representatives. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he wished he had more than three months with Councilperson Cornell on Council but their working relationship was great. She left her mark on the Borough. He appreciates all of her efforts and looks forward to working with her on a higher

level. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that it was nice having another female on Council and wished Councilperson Cornell the best. President Clark made a MOTION to accept **Councilperson Cornell's resignation**. This motion was SECONDED by Councilperson Vasoli and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ron Battis, West Moreland Avenue, questioned how the police department determines what crimes should be reported to the newspaper. He noted that Upper Moreland is the primary department who really lists their crime. CHIEF GARDNER stated that he talks to the newspapers on a weekly basis. If there are arrests made then they are generally given out because they are public information. Certain items, however, cannot be released. Chief Gardner stated that Hatboro's goal is to prevent the crime before it occurs.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clark then adjourned the March Council meeting at 8:17 p.m. President Clark announced an executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Month of: March 2004

	Month	Year to Date
Loads of Trash	37	101
Tons of Trash	260.08	698.32
Tons of Glass and Cans	12.38	39.35
Street Opening Permits	2	3
Street Opening Fees Collected	$200	$300
Sidewalk/Curb Permits	7	10
Sidewalk/Curb Fees Collected	$260	$400
Large Article Pick-up Stops	95	139
Number of Large Article Picked Up	165	263
Newspaper Tonnage Collected	21.74	68.20
Grass/Leaves Tonnage Collected	21.61	53.60
Tires Recycled and Cost		
Refrigerators/Freezers/Microwaves		
Cost of above		

Remarks:

TRASH & RECYCLING COMPARRISON

	TRASH			GLASS & CANS			NEWSPAPERS			GRASS & LEAVES		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
January	259.66	247.98	227.31	17.18	12.85	14.86	21.05	13.75	24.24	13.40	26.79	20.76
February	223.96	113.54	210.31	12.71	8.45	12.11	22.77	20.39	22.35	0	13.75	11.10
March	241.13	280.44	260.08	13.14	12.26	12.38	21.13	22.68	21.61	13.40	61.24	21.61
April												
May												
June												
July												
August												
September												
October												
November												
December												
Total												

*All numbers shown are tons collected

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

POLICE FUEL USAGE REPORT

4-Mar

37-1	37-2	37-3	37-4	37-5	37-6	37-7	37-8	
0		11 4	9.7		16.8	9.2	6	
		4.8	10.9		10.1	6	3.4	
		6.2	11		12.7	6.9	5	
		16.6	10.8		4.1	4.6	4	
		11.6	7.7		17.1	8.7	5.2	
		16.7	9.8		11.1	8.8	7.9	
		4.7	11.2		5.7	8.2	6.7	
		7.9	6.5		7.6	2	4	
		7	4		5.4	15.7	7.6	
		11.4	6.7		8.1	12.9	10.3	
		11.5	10.9		6.5	8.5	10.8	
		9.6	5.5		14.6	8.6	2.7	
		6.3	4.8		4.8	7.9	3.2	
		8.9	6.3		10	9.6	5.3	
		9.1	0.8		8.4	8.6	9.1	
		3.4	9.6		13.1	2.8	6.3	
		12.3	8		7.3	16.7	3.7	
		10.2	7.4		7.8	2.7	7.4	
		7.8	2.9		17		7.8	
		5.9	9.5		1.8		4.9	
		5.7	6.1		9.2		7.7	
		8.5	12.9		8.2		12.1	
		6.9	6.1		8.7			
		5.8	7.1		4.9			
		4.7	9.23					
			1.8					
0	0	214.9	197.23	0	221	148.4	141.1	922.63

Total Gasoline 922.63

at 1.15 gal = $1,061.02

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sign/initial

GENERAL FUND - Adj - _____ - Police Fuel Usage

Police Fuel	**01.410.250**	**D XXXX**	(charge account)
Maintenance Fuel	**01.437.410**	**C XXX**	(reduce account)

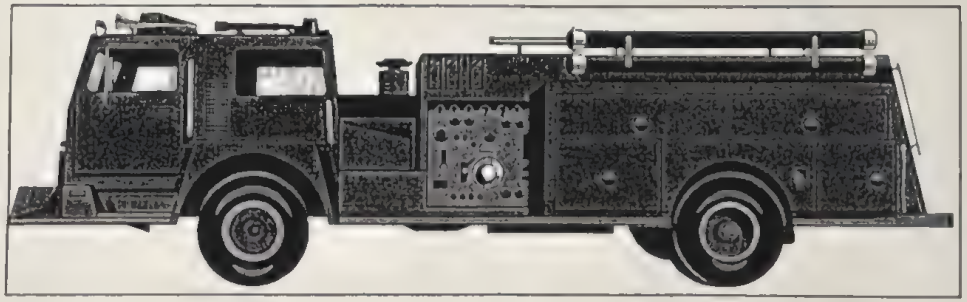
4-Mar

35-D															0
36-D	16.2	37.7													
37-D															0
45-D															
TOTAL	16.2	37.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	[illegible]9
															[illegible]

TOTAL DIESEL	[illegible]53.9
DIESEL @ $1.08 A GALLON	58.21

34-G	1.3	26.7	14.4	25.9											
38-G															
39-G	16.7	16.5	17.3	15.8	16	0.4									
40-G	10.4	13.8													
46-G															
TOTAL	28.4	57	31.7	41.7	16	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175.20

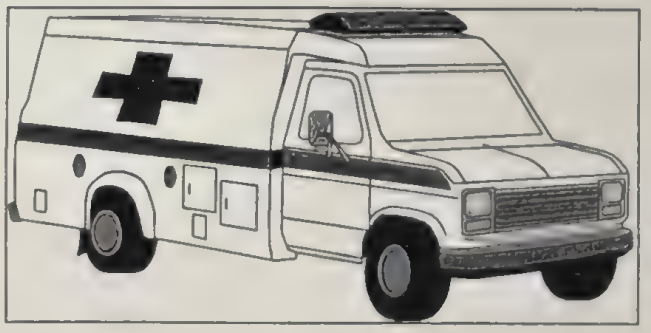
TOTAL GAS	175.20
GAS @ $1.15 A GALLON	201.48



32-G															0	
33-G	21.3														21.3	21.3
31D															0	
30-D	17.2	18.1	20.7	5.8											61.8	61.8

TOTAL DIESEL	61.8
DIESEL @ $1.08 A GALLON	$66.74

TOTAL GASOLINE	21.3
GASOLINE @ $1.15 A GALLON	$24.50



4-Mar

DIESEL

9-18-D	23.8	22.3	26.9	22.6	29.2	24	28.1	22.5							
11-1-D															
17-8-D	31.4	31.9													
18-9-D	37.8	41.6	36.9	25.5											
20-12-D															
21-13-D	27.1	30.6													
26-14-D	32.3														
23-15-D	29.8														
24-16-D	33.6	36.8	22	36.1	22.5	22	20.7	37.4	21.6						
25-17-D															
30-M-D															
43-2-D	25.9	23.9													
44-D															
TOTALS	241.7	187.1	85.8	84.2	51.7	46	48.8	59.9	21.6	0	0	0	0	0	826.8

GASOLINE

13-3-G	29.5	30.7													
10-3A-G	17														
15-4-G	37.1	15.1	30.7	31.8	29										
16-7-G	20.3	21													
19-11-G															
27-20-G	13.5	5.7	13.2	14.9	12.9										
28-59-G	21.2	23.9													
29-M-G															
42-24-G	21.3	19.3													
47-G	45.9	41													
48-G															
49-G	18.5	9.1	28.5												
50-G															
TOTALS	224.3	165.8	72.4	46.7	41.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	551.1

GASOLINE 551.1

$1.15 A GALLON 633.77

DIESEL 826.8

$1.08 A GALLON 892.94

NORTH BOROUGH PARKING LOT MONTH & YEAR 4-Mar
PARKING VIOLATION

DATE	TIME	TICKET NUMBER	LICENCE NUMBER	MAKE & COLOR	WIN	LOST	METER
3/2/2004	13.42		EXL-2207	HONDA			86
3/3/2004	13.09		EKH-2036	HONDA			38
3/3/2004	13.09		DKB-6232	FORD			18
3/4/2004	14.07		EZM-9026	MERCEDES			24
3/4/2004	14.07		DPX-3364	PLYMOUTH			89
3/4/2004	14.07		PA.48796	TOYOTA			84
3/4/2004	14.97		EVA-1966	COOPER			77
3/9/2004	13.18		DCA-9925	PLYMOUTH			4
3/9/2004	13.18		DZN-1103	VW			79
3/10/2004	13.08		EMW-6548	NUBIRA			88
3/11/2004	13.43		DYM-8679	FORD			25
3/11/2004	13.43		DVX-0190	FORD			NOSPACE
3/12/2004	13.11		ECK-2126	CHRYSIER			16
3/12/2004	13.11		EJS-6873	HONDA			NOSPACE
3/15/2004	13.01		WR9652B	CHRYSLER			4
3/15/2004	13.01		DXW-0994	MERCURY			40
3/15/2004	13.01		DWX-3766	TOYOTA			59
3/22/2004	14.02		FCB-6896	BLAZER			N0SPACE
3/23/2004	13.08		FCB-6896	BLAZER			NOSPACE
3/24/2004	13.01		EXK-0720	ACURA	YEAR	$130.00	36
3/24/2004	13.01		DJD-2702	VW	MONTH	$270.00	68
3/26/2004	13.12		DLM-8465	TOYOTA	YEAR	$400.00	4
3/26/2004	13.12		ECB-8235	HONDA			11
3/26/2004	13.12		YAF-9268	CHEV			14
3/30/2004	13.03		EZT-4636	CHRYSLER			21
3/30/2004	13.03		ETZ-9053	HYUNDAI			97

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

OFFICE OF
THE FIRE MARSHAL

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MONTHLY FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

Month of: March 2004

	This Month	Year to Date
Inspections	21	50
Re-inspections	5	5
Fire Investigations	5	12
Special Service	2	26
Fire Reports Issued	0	0
Permits Issued	5	7
Permit Fees Collected	$350	$475
Fire Report Fees Collected	0	0
Inspection Fees Collected	**$2,975**	**$3,459**
Use and Occupancy Inspections	**9**	**14**
Use and Occupancy Re-inspections	**1**	**2**
Use and Occupancy Fees	**$3,000**	**$4,300**
Miscellaneous Fees Collected	**0**	**0**
Total Fees Collected	**$6,325**	**$8,231**

Remarks:

Fire Marshal Hours

	Inspections		Investigations		Special Service	
	month	to date	month	to date	month	to date
Stauch	5:15	8:50	1:00	26:05	9:45	30:15
Thomas	1:35	5:00	0:00	6:10	6:45	17:00
Reading	1:30	7:40	:15	1:05	2:15	6:15
Lefebvre	1:15	1:15	0:00	0:00	0:00	1:30
TOTALS	9:35	22:35	1:15	33:20	18:45	55:00

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 26, 2004

PRESENT
President Clark, Vice President Taggart, Councilpersons Acker, Plunkett, Strang, Vasoli, and Zygmont, Treasurer McKean, Solicitor Meyer, Chief Gardner, Mayor Celano, Borough Engineer Tomczyk, and Borough Manager Pantano.

CALL TO ORDER
PRESIDENT CLARK called the meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council is in receipt of the **March minutes**. PRESIDENT CLARK made a MOTION to approve the minutes. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Al Zollers, Representative of the Hatboro Republican Organization, presented a check in the amount of $500. This check is to be used as a contribution to the Hatboro Memorial Pool **hot water heater** fund. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that on behalf of Borough Council, this contribution was greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT CLARK complimented everyone involved in putting together the latest **newsletter**.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT
BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that Council should be in receipt of his report. As Council is aware there are quite a number of grants pending at this time. The **CDBG Project** is going to be underway this summer. The notices are out to receive bids and he hopes to have them in by the next Council meeting so they can make that award. The **2005 CDBG application** was submitted and it is on the agenda tonight to pass the resolution that is needed to submit the grant. We have completed and submitted the two **Revitalization grant applications**. The meeting is scheduled, in front of the Revitalization Board, for May 11th. He will make a presentation with Councilperson Vasoli and the Borough Engineer. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked if they included the owner of the property in the plans for Wachovia Bank. Borough Manager Pantano said there was a call into the bank to set up a meeting. He explained that with the agreement the Borough has with the bank it stated that the Borough is responsible for any improvements, maintenance, and upgrades to the parking area. He added that we are in conformance with the lease agreement that we have with the bank however, we did not sit down with them to review the details of the project yet. Councilperson Zygmont asked if it was viable from the County's aspect that we are applying for a grant for a rental property. Borough Manager Pantano said yes and added that it was discussed when we met with the representatives from the county originally. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the **DCED Loller Building Grant application** was submitted for the exterior plaster repair. That is a $70,000 grant for a $140,000 project. The **Land Use Technical Assistance Planning Grant** is underway. A meeting was set up with the representatives from the state to start this process. The **Peer-to-Peer Grant** is going well. We had a second meeting with the group. The **Loller Building Historical Preservation Grant** was submitted for the third time. This is again for the exterior plasterwork and it's similar to the DCED Loller Building Grant. If, by chance, we were awarded both of the grants then they would offset each other as far as their matches and the Borough would not have to put any funds into that. Borough Manager Pantano stated that the **Revitalization Plan** has been adopted by both the Borough and the County therefore we can apply for the reimbursement for $22,000. All of the paperwork was completed and submitted. Borough Manager Pantano announced that we received

TREASURER'S REPORT
TREASURER McKEAN reported that as of 03/31/04 the balances invested in the Commerce Bank totaled $2,667,100.80. Interest credited for the month was $2,388.23. Average yield for March was 1.34%.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that Council has received copies of the **bills** and **manual check list**. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked about the **Zoom Drain** service. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH stated that it was for the public works building. Councilperson Zygmont then asked why the **Chamber of Commerce** was issued a refund. CHIEF GARDNER stated that it had to do with the trading card program. VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON VASOLI and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT
MAYOR CELANO introduced Marilyn Harris, from Abington Homecare. He then read a Proclamation regarding **National Nurses Week** (see attached).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
SOLICITOR MEYER has been working with the Braccia's, developers of the **Moreland Townhomes**. They are waiting for an updated legal description of the gabion structure and stormwater management. He spoke with Mr. Braccia this evening and he will have his engineer provide this information to the Borough to complete all of the legal items necessary for the project.

SOLICITOR MEYER reviewed, researched, and rendered an opinion on the **stormwater management** at Lehman Avenue as well as the **pool agreement** submitted by the **Y.M.C.A.**

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT
CHIEF GARDNER stated that last year the police department, along with the Horsham Police Department, started teaching an **Internet Safety Program** in our school district. The program was actually developed by the Governor's office. Chief Gardner and Sergeant Goold are in the process of teaching the program again to both of the elementary schools. Crooked Billet, grades 1-5, has been completed and Pennypack will be finished this week as well. The Horsham Police Department is working on the elementary schools within their jurisdiction as well. The goal is to have all children, grades 1-8, to have this program. Chief Gardner stated that this is a proactive approach to Internet related crimes. He announced that there is also a program for the parents regarding Internet safety. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT asked how the response is with the kids. Chief Gardner stated that they really like it. He said it is amazing to talk to the kids because they know more about the Internet than most adults know. There is language that goes along with it. He added that the Internet is a great resource but everyone should be mindful of the dangers that go along with it. Chief Gardner stated that this is an eye-opening experience. He teaches the program comparing it to a tool. Like any other tool, including a hammer, you have to be careful with how you use it because you could hurt yourself if you don't use it properly.

CHIEF GARDNER sadly reported that **Upper Dublin Police Department** lost one of their Sergeants (Sergeant James Miller) on an on-duty traffic accident last week. Chief Gardner wanted to publicly extend our condolences to the Upper Dublin Police and his friends and family. Chief Gardner stated that Sergeant Miller was a member of the Moreland Area Response Team of which we are a member. We have officers involved in this regional SWAT team. Sergeant Miller was an active part of the team and has been in Hatboro on calls as well as in Hatboro training our officers. Many of our officers knew him very well and his service to the team was a direct benefit to the citizens of Hatboro as well as Upper Dublin and all of the surrounding communities. He will be sadly missed by a lot of people.

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report in advance. He had nothing additional to report.

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report in advance. He has nothing additional to report.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS
Administration – Dr. Clark
PRESIDENT CLARK stated that he had nothing to report.

Budget & Insurance – Dr. Strang
COUNCILPERSON STRANG mentioned the **Earned Income Tax collection** updates. BOROUGH MANAGER PANTANO stated that at the last committee meeting we talked about the difference between the ½% and the 1% for the residents who do not work in an area where Earned Income Taxes are collected. Borough Manager Pantano has contacted Berkheimer and they are doing an analysis of that to see how many residents fall into that category and if they are in fact collecting the ½% or the 1%. Once we receive all of the information then we will proceed forward. Councilperson Strang stated that we have also been in correspondence with the other tax collectors in the area. He added that we are headed in a positive direction.

Parks, Recreation, & Community Relations– Mr. Plunkett
COUNCILPERSON PLUNKETT mentioned the **Pool Staffing Agreement** previously discussed with the **Y.M.C.A.** He stated that he would be abstaining from the vote since he is a member of the Board of Directors at the Y.M.C.A. COUNCILPERSON VASOLI stated that when this item first came before Council he disclosed that he is a member of the Y.M.C.A. COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that for two years she sat on Council and heard how much it cost the Borough to run the pool. She finally got the information and took the information from pool wages to concession stand supplies. She discovered that last year it would have cost us $32,000 and the prior year it was $36,000. Her understanding from the contract and what was brought in, for memberships and passes, in 2004 and 2003 was $46,000 and $39,000 respectively therefore she is not in favor of this because it will cost too much money. She added that her decision is not against the Y.M.C.A. MAYOR CELANO added that both the Y.M.C.A. and Bob McDowell, Director, have been wonderful and dedicated. Councilperson Vasoli stated that regarding the costs; the Y.M.C.A. will be taking over both the concession stand and the swim lessons. The swim lessons did bring a net revenue gain of approximately $1,200; however, the concession stand brought a net loss of $2,500. The wages we will pay the Y.M.C.A. are still less than budgeted and also we get the advice of the Y.M.C.A. and we will hopefully have improvements made. After the summer we will again evaluate if it is mutually beneficial. COUNCILPERSON ACKER stated that he believes there are a lot of soft costs involved with the pool as well. He specifically mentioned last year, at the end of the season, the front office staff had to get involved in managing the pool. He thinks that this option deserves consideration and pointed out that no one said we are selling the pool, instead we are trying something different. Councilperson Acker reiterated that if this is not mutually beneficial than neither party would be interested in doing it again. He said we are looking at the Y.M.C.A. because they have the expertise and they do this all of the time. He believes that this is a very positive step. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that the key is the management issue, which captured so many moments of the Borough staff last year. Over the years the Borough has seen the highs and the lows and he totally agrees that we need to step out of the box and take a look at this in a different way. He would like to evaluate it after one year. Councilperson Zygmont asked if we would be reimbursed if the pool was closed due to weather. SOLICITOR MEYER stated that he has not yet had the opportunity to speak specifically to this issue; however, he spoke to Mr. McDowell on the way in. Mr. McDowell received a copy of his letter and he indicated that we could work on the language to make this work. Councilperson Vasoli made a MOTION to approve the Agreement proposed by the Y.M.C.A. subject to approval of the wording by Solicitor Meyer. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART. With a vote of 6-1, having Councilperson Zygmont voting no, this motion was APPROVED.

Health & Environment – Mrs. Zygmont
COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT offered congratulations to **Councilperson Plunkett** since she was unable to be at the special meeting when he was appointed.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT thanked the nurses. She knows what a special person it takes to be a nurse.

COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT noted that there was a very nice article in the newsletter written by Gilmore & Associates. She knows that in the past they have offered to make a public presentation and wondered if they could make one in September, thereby giving them enough time to prepare. BOROUGH ENGINEER TOMCZYK said that would not be a problem.

Public Safety – Mr. Taggart
VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART had nothing to report on at this time.

Public Works & Public Properties – Mr. Acker
COUNCILPERSON ACKER made a MOTION to adopt **Resolution 2004-09**, which is the CDBG Program for Central Avenue and Lacey Street. This motion was SECONDED by VICE PRESIDENT TAGGART and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

Zoning, Development & Historical Preservation – Mr. Vasoli
COUNCILPERSON VASOLI made a MOTION to approve the escrow release for **Moreland Townhomes** was in the amount of $26,490.60. This would leave an escrow balance of $173,712.58. This release meets with the Borough Engineer's approval. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ACKER and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI mentioned the application to the Zoning Hearing Board for **246 E. County Line Road** for a Zoning Use Variance. Hearing no comments from Council, this application will proceed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

COUNCILPERSON VASOLI made a MOTION to appoint **David Shannon** as the **Borough Historian** and the **Millbrook Society** as the **Borough's Historical Society**. This motion was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT and was APPROVED by Council unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
COUNCILPERSON ZYGMONT stated that she received a flyer in her packet about a breakfast with the County Commissioners and she was wondering why she just received it since it was dated March 16th. BOROUGH MANAGER stated that he didn't notice the date but he did not postpone sending out the flyer.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
Bill Tompkins, Spring Avenue, welcomed Councilperson Plunkett to Council. He stated that his comment is about the selection process, not about the appointment of Mr. Plunkett as he is sure he will do a great job with the position. Mr. Tompkins stated that he does have a problem with the way Council handled the selection process. At the regularly scheduled committee meeting on April 12th there was no announcement made of any special meeting. The public notice made regarding that meeting was published April 15th in one of the two local papers that serve the Borough and the Borough's own website never made mention of the special meeting. He is concerned that Council intentionally delayed announcing the meeting until the last minute because they didn't feel it was necessary to keep the public informed or if it was a short notice situation because of a deadline for the appointment. He is concerned that if the deadline was just because the Vacancy Board would have to address the issue, that Council was just trying to bypass one of their own boards. The selection by Council of a new member is a pretty important task because it is someone that will represent all of us for almost two years. Mr. Tompkins added that it's a shame that it was done in a fairly quiet way when it probably could have been handled with a little more notice. It sounds to

him like a four-day notice was all that was given and he is not sure whether or not it was planned prior to that or not. PRESIDENT CLARK stated that there was no plan for that to be done so quickly. He called Solicitor Meyer and if we waiting until the April Council meeting then we would have been over the amount of time we are permitted under the law to swear in a new councilperson. Additionally, he announced that the Council chair was vacant at the April committee meeting. Finally, this position was advertised on the cable channel and the website and we received one application.

ADJOURNMENT & EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Clark then adjourned the April Council meeting at 8:27 p.m. President Clark announced an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPH F. PANTANO
Borough Manager

Transcribed by Lynn Hartzell

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